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## PREFACE



WE BELIEVE the time has arrived when it becomes the duty of the people of this county to perpetuate the names of their pioneers, to furnish a record of their early settlement, and relate the story of their progress. The civilization of our day, the enlightenment of the age, and the duty that men of the present time owe to their ancestors, to themselves and to their posterity, demand that a record of their lives and deeds should be made. In biographical history is found a power to instruct man by precedent, to enliven the mental faculties, and to waft down the river of time a safe vessel, in which the names and actions of the people who contributed to raise this country from its primitive state may be preserved. Surely and rapidly the great and aged men, who in their prime entered the wilderness and claimed the virgin soil as their heritage, are passing to their graves. The number remaining who can relate the incidents of the first days of settlement is becoming small indeed, so that actual necessity exists for the collection and preservation of events without delay, before all the early settlers are cut down by the scythe of Time.

To be forgotten has been the great dread of mankind from remotest ages. All will be forgotten soon enough, in spite of their best works and the most earnest efforts of their friends to preserve the memory of their lives. The means employed to prevent oblivion and to perpetuate their memory have been in proportion to the amount of intelligence they possessed. The pyramids of Egypt were built to perpetuate the names and deeds of its great rulers. The exhumations made by the archæologists of Egypt from buried Memphis indicate a desire of those people to perpetuate the memory of their achievements. The erection of the great obelisks was for the same purpose. Coming down to a later period, we find the Greeks and Romans erecting mausoleums and monu-

ments, and carving out statues to chronicle their great achievements and carry them down the ages. It is also evident that the Mound-builders, in piling up their great mounds of earth, had but this idea—to leave something to show that they had lived. All these works, though many of them costly in the extreme, give but a faint idea of the lives and characters of those whose memory they were intended to perpetuate, and scarcely anything of the masses of the people that then lived. The great pyramids and some of the obelisks remain objects only of curiosity; the mausoleums, monuments and statues are crumbling into dust.

It was left to modern ages to establish an intelligent, undecaying, immutable method of perpetuating a full history—immutable, in that it is almost unlimited in extent and perpetual in its action; and this is through the art of printing.

To the present generation, however, we are indebted for the introduction of the admirable system of local biography. By this system every man, though he has not achieved what the world calls greatness, has the means to perpetuate his life, his history, through the coming ages, for the benefit of his posterity.

The scythe of Time cuts down all; nothing of the physical man is left. The monument which his children or friends may erect to his memory in the cemetery will crumble into dust and pass away; but his life, his achievements, the work he has accomplished, which otherwise would be forgotten, is perpetuated by a record of this kind.

To preserve the lineaments of our companions we engrave their portraits; for the same reason we collect the attainable facts of their history. Nor do we think it necessary, as we speak only truth of them, to wait until they are dead, or until those who knew them are gone; and we need be ashamed only of publishing the history of those whose lives are unworthy of public record.

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## PREFACE.

The greatest of English historians, MACAULAY, and one of the most brilliant writers of the present century, has said: "The history of a country is best told in a record of the lives of its people." In conformity with this idea, the GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM of this county has been prepared. Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought the county to a rank second to none among those comprising this great and noble State, and from their lips have obtained the story of their life struggles. No more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public. In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk in life who have striven to succeed, and records how success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of many, very many, who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued "the even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them, as Christ said of the woman performing a deed of mercy—"They have done what they could." It tells how that many

in the pride and strength of young manhood left the plow and the anvil, the lawyer's office and the counting-room, left every trade and profession, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land. In the life of every man and of every woman is a lesson that should not be lost to those who follow after.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public records, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work, and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written; and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence. In addition to the biographical sketches, portraits of a number of representative citizens are given.

The faces of some, and biographical sketches of many, will be missed in this volume. For this the publishers are not to blame. Not having a proper conception of the work, some refused to give the information necessary to compile a sketch, while others were indifferent. Occasionally some member of the family would oppose the enterprise, and on account of such opposition the support of the interested one would be withheld. In a few instances men could never be found, though repeated calls were made at their residences or places of business.

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## ADDENDA.

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The preparation of this volume has involved the labor of several years. Since the pages were stereotyped, time has wrought many changes.

Several of the subjects of biographies have passed away. Among these are :

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## JOHN WENTWORTH.

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JOHN WENTWORTH. Probably no man was held in more affectionate remembrance by the early settlers of northern Illinois than he whose name heads this article. Nor could an individual be chosen who could more fittingly be called a type of American growth and greatness. Towering to a height of six feet six inches and being in his younger days rather slender, he acquired the name of "Long John," by which he was still familiarly known after he had gained a more portly figure and a most imposing presence. *The Hamptonia*, published at New Hampton Academy, thus epitomizes his public life:

"Mr Wentworth, all through his editorial and official life, has shown himself not only a man of decided convictions, but has proved on many notable occasions that he had, under the most adverse circumstances, the courage to follow them. He has ever looked upon parties as only necessary organizations for the accomplishment of desirable ends, and he has no party attachments beyond his assurance of right, always having principles that he wished sustained by the legislation of his country, and always seeking political organization that would promote this object. Mr. Wentworth has been remarkable, as a writer and speaker, for conveying his ideas in the fewest possible words, and for his success in commanding the closest attention of promiscuous audiences; also for his habits of untiring industry,

and for keeping such control of his private business that he was ever independent of political action."

The Domesday Book of 1066 shows that Reginald Wentworth—then called Rynold de Wynterwade—the ancestor of the Wentworth family in America, was proprietor of the fief of Wentworth in the Wapentake of Strafford, West Riding of Yorkshire. The subject of this sketch is a grandson of John Wentworth, junior, who was a member of the Continental Congress from New Hampshire, and signed the Articles of Confederation. He was also a grandson of Col. Amos Cogswell, who joined the Continental Army under the historic elm at Cambridge, fought with his six brothers through the Revolution, and aided in forming the Society of Cincinnati at its close.

John Wentworth, of whom this sketch is written, was born in the White Mountain region of New Hampshire, sometimes called the "Switzerland of America," at Sandwich, Strafford County, the date of his birth being March 15, 1815. His parents were Honorable Paul and Lydia (Cogswell) Wentworth. He attended various public and private schools and academies during his youth, where he was ever ready with new and original work. In 1830, while attending New Hampton Academy, he was influential in organizing a literary society for the benefit of the younger students, in which he developed the



basis of that forensic talent for which he was afterwards noted. As early as 1832 he wrote articles for the Democratic press, in defense of President Jackson's financial policy, which attracted favorable attention. In that year he entered Dartmouth College and was graduated in 1836, having paid a portion of his way by teaching. He cast his first vote for Isaac Hill, the Democratic candidate for governor in New Hampshire, and the same year, with good recommendations and \$100 in his pocket, he left home with the idea of settling somewhere in the West. After a varied journey, made partly by stage, partly by cars and partly by canal and steamboats, he arrived in Chicago October 25, 1836. He soon made arrangements to continue his study of law with Henry Moore, a pioneer lawyer of the city, but on November 23 was induced to take editorial charge of the Chicago *Democrat*. His influence was so strong in this stern advocate of the people that both citizens and owners urged him to secure permanent charge, to which he soon consented and within three years had paid the purchase price of \$2800. During these first years he was active in city affairs and held various offices, writing on many political subjects, besides making his paper a political power throughout the Northwest.

In spite of these demands upon his time he continued his law studies and in 1841 attended lectures at Harvard College. He returned in time to take part in the campaign of 1842 and was soon admitted to the bar. The election which should have been held in 1842 was not held until August of the next year, when Mr. Wentworth was elected to Congress from the Fourth District by a large majority. Although but three years above the legal age and without experience in legislative bodies, he attended to his duties as successfully as an old parliamentarian and was re-elected in 1844, 1846 and 1848. He declined the office in 1850, but was again elected in 1852, from the Second District. The *Democratic Review* said of his congressional career: "Colonel Wentworth's political career has been marked by untiring industry and perseverance, by independence of thought, expression and action, by a

thorough knowledge of human nature, by a moral courage equal to any crisis, by a self-possession that enables him to avail himself of any chance of success, when on the very threshold of defeat, and by a steady devotion to what he believes to be the wishes and interests of those whose representative he is."

In 1857 Mr. Wentworth was elected mayor of Chicago by a large majority, and during his term and another which he served in 1860, he adhered to his old watchword of "Liberty and Economy." In each case he found the city in debt and went out of office with money in the treasury. During his first term the first steam fire engine was bought for the city and named "Long John," in his honor. In 1860 he had the honor of entertaining the Prince of Wales, and was assured that in no city were the arrangements more perfect. In 1861 he was a delegate to the convention to revise the state constitution, and in the same year was chosen a member of the board of education. He was ever a friend of education and used his influence to defend the school funds and school system from various attacks.

Concerning Mr. Wentworth's action on the slavery question, the famous abolitionist, Zebina Eastman, wrote: "In politics Colonel Wentworth has ever acted with the old-line Democratic party; but when the old parties became split up, he went with such other Democrats as Hamlin, Wilmot, King, Trumbull, Fremont, Blair and others, into what is known as the Republican movement. To the success of this movement Colonel Wentworth has, by public speeches, by writing in his newspaper, and by efforts in every other way, bent all his energies. And if there is any truth in the old adage that the tree which bears the best fruit is always known by its receiving the greatest number of clubs, Colonel Wentworth is singled out as one of the most effective laborers in the ranks of the opposition to slavery extension."

After leaving Congress Mr. Wentworth passed many happy hours on his extensive stock farm at Summit, Cook County, though he was often called upon by his fellow-citizens to fill some public office. He was an able writer on histori-



cal and genealogical subjects and a valued member of the Chicago Historical Society. One of his important contributions in this line is the Wentworth Genealogy, in three volumes. He joined the Masons and Odd Fellows soon after coming to Chicago and was a member of the Calumet Club. He died October 16, 1888.

On November 13, 1844, Mr. Wentworth was

married to Roxanna Marie, only daughter of Riley and Roxanna (Atwater) Loomis, of Troy, New York. Five children were born of this marriage, but only one, Roxanna Atwater, reached maturity. She became the wife of Clarence Bowen January 27, 1892. Mrs. Wentworth passed away after many years of delicate health, February 5, 1870.

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## WILLIAM DOEPP.

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**W**ILLIAM DOEPP, M. D., who was one of the most skillful physicians in Cook County, was born in Rodenberg, province of Hanover, Germany, October 17, 1831. When but a lad he entered a drug store in Hanover, as clerk, this establishment receiving the patronage of the royal family. Having decided on his calling in life, he completed a college course, and later a course in medicine at Marburg.

In 1856 he decided to come to America, and by acting as ship's surgeon, secured free passage on a sailing vessel, and after a tempestuous voyage arrived in New York, whence he proceeded at once to Chicago. For one year he followed his profession, with an office in Madison Street, but was burned out, and in 1858 bought land among some friends in the town of Bloom, about twenty-five miles from Chicago. His purchase consisted of wooded land, which he cleared and otherwise improved, at the same time keeping up a medical practice. This locality was still a wilderness, and deer and wolves were plenty. The pioneer physician experienced many hardships and dangers. He traveled on horseback, was frequently obliged to ford the streams, and often lost his way, where there were no roads. Dr. Doepp was the only physician in Homewood for some time, and continued a general practice, which extended over a large area. With a frugality true

to the training and traditions of his native land, he saved a fair portion of his income, and wisely invested his surplus in real estate, which he improved. He built several business blocks in Chicago, one of them being the Doepp Block, at the corner of Clybourn and Fullerton Avenues.

As a result of following the natural course of his mind in his early training, the subject of this notice was ever a close student of the natural sciences. He also read voluminously on historical subjects, and gave close attention to history as it was enacted during his lifetime. He was, withal, a keen lover of nature, and took especial delight in animal life. His taste in this direction was shown by the fine fish pond which he maintained, and by his aviary, which contained many rare foreign birds, among them the European nightingale. He also took great interest in domestic animals, and was proud of his choice herd of Jersey cattle.

In his home it was, however, that he found his greatest comfort, and he will ever be remembered as a kind, loving father and husband. With friends and acquaintances he was gentle and considerate, possessing that geniality of nature so essential to the successful physician. He was a man of sterling integrity, and of great influence among his fellow-citizens. He was a liberal supporter of the German Lutheran

Church, with which he was connected, and was active in the interests of the Democratic party, and held many local offices. He was at one time a candidate for State Senator in his district, but was defeated at the polls by Mr. Campbell. He took a prominent part in the affairs of his village, where he was popular with all parties. At the time of his death he was chairman of the village board. Although a plain and unassuming man, he occasionally made public speeches, especially for the benefit of personal friends or his fellow-countrymen. He was a man of robust health, and suffered very little from sickness up to the time of his death, when he succumbed, April 16, 1897, to an attack of pneumonia, which had lasted five days.

Dr. Doepp was married at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 13, 1859, to Miss Lillie Pauline Stoltz, of that city. She was born in New Jersey, of German parentage, and survives her husband. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Doepp. Johannah is the wife of William C. Scupham, a druggist at No. 63 State Street, Chicago. Louis is an engineer in the employ of the Illinois Central Railway. William L. is a physician of Chicago, and is connected with the Ger-

man hospital. Edward is a physician at Blue Island. Frederick F. follows the same profession at Homewood. Augusta and Albert G. reside with their mother, the son being a dentist, with an office in the Venetian Building, Chicago. Julia, Herman and Lillie are the three youngest; the second is employed by Bullock & Company, in Chicago, and the other two reside at the old home.

Frederick F. Doepp was born in Bloom, Illinois, October 29, 1867, and received a common-school education. He subsequently graduated from the Chicago College of Pharmacy, and was a clerk in a drug store on State Street for six years. Later he took a position in the Cook County Hospital, but after a few months entered the College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he was graduated in the class of 1894. He then began practicing with his father, and since the latter's death has continued the work alone. He is also administrator of his father's estate. He is connected with Un Sigma Un Fraternity, and is local examiner for Homewood Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. His sister resides with him. He is now president of the village of Homewood, of which his brother is treasurer.

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## ALBERT G. DOEPP.

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**A**LBERT GEORGE DOEPP, one of the most successful practicing dentists of Chicago, was born February 16, 1872, at Homewood, the suburban home of his parents, and received his primary education in that village. He spent one year at the Cook County Normal School, and pursued a business course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College.

Dr. Doepp is possessed of great musical talent, and gave considerable time to its cultivation,

while pursuing his other studies. He took instruction on the violin at the Chicago Musical College for three years, and became a very proficient and pleasing performer. His talent is employed chiefly in his own amusement and for the gratification and pleasure of his friends.

Having decided upon the profession of dentistry as a life work, he entered the Northwestern University Dental College, and was graduated in the spring of 1897. He immediately opened an of-



rice in the Venetian Building, where he spends five days each week, devoting one day and much of his evenings to home patrons in his native village, where he continues to reside. He is active in local affairs, and is the present treasurer of the village of Homewood. Politically he sustains the Democratic party, and wields considerable influence in his home neighborhood. His

genial nature and pleasant manners make him popular with any who may be privileged to meet him, and his friends are numbered by his acquaintances. He is a member of the Odontographic Dental Society, and is active in promoting the welfare of Homewood Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, of which camp he is now Venerable Consul.

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## JOSEPH SANTA.

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JOSEPH SANTA, one of the few survivors among the followers of the Hungarian patriot, Kossuth, who, owing to the failure of their revolution, were expatriated and obliged to seek in America the freedom for which they fought, has resided in Chicago since October 1, 1851, and has shown by the ready manner in which he has adapted himself to American ideas that he and his compatriots were well worthy of the republican government for which they contended. Mr. Santa was born in Fernezely, in the District of Comitát Szathmar, Hungary, January 20, 1825, and is a son of Andrew Santa, who held a position in the Forestry Department of the Hungarian Government. After completing the course of study in the parish school, the son attended the gymnasium near his native place for six years and subsequently followed his natural literary bent by taking a two-years' course in an academy. Thus he was well equipped mentally for the battle of life and for two years served in the Forestry Department of the Government.

About this time the people of Hungary were becoming uneasy under their yoke of tyranny, and, fired by the hope of securing a free government, young Santa joined the forces of the immortal Kossuth and followed General Bem throughout the Revolution. At the close of the sanguinary struggle he had risen to the rank of first lieutenant, and on the advice of the general

in command, he left Hungary in company with about two hundred other patriots, taking refuge in Turkey. There they were obliged to lay down their arms and were held as prisoners of war for a year, when they were given their choice of three propositions: to remain in Turkey, to return to their homes, or to emigrate to some other country, their transportation to be provided by the Turkish government. Having read of the struggle for liberty in America and of the welcome offered there to the persecuted of all nations, the subject of this sketch decided to make that country his future home and accordingly took passage for Southampton, England, whence he continued his journey to New York. Lord Stanley Stewart, an English philanthropist, furnished passage for the party of exiles from Southampton to New York, and Mr. Cochrane, a banker of Washington, recently deceased, helped the party from New York to Iowa, where land and the necessary implements for farming were furnished them. But reaching Chicago late in the year they were prevailed upon to remain there rather than undertake a further journey across the bleak prairies.

At this time Mr. Santa was unable to speak either English or German, though he wrote and spoke fluently three other languages. He was on this account unfitted to take up work for which he was otherwise well qualified, and farm



labor seemed his most available opportunity. After a short time spent in this work in Du Page County he returned to Cook County and entered the employ of the Crosby Distilling Company, where he soon rose to the position of second foreman, remaining with the company seven years. He then learned the trade of cooper, at which he worked about eight years. His next venture was in the grocery business, his store being located in what is now Milton Avenue. Subsequently he bought property in Larrabee Street, where he erected a store and carried on his business successfully until the great fire of 1871. This terrible conflagration destroyed most of his savings of a period of twenty years, all that was left him being his real estate.

Having won the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens he was appointed by Timothy Bradley, sheriff of Cook County, to the office of deputy sheriff, and served under Judge Porter until the latter's death, in 1873. He was then selected by Judge Gary as bailiff, and served in that capacity until July 8, 1890. Since that time he was not engaged actively in business, the care of his property and his social duties occupying much of his time, until December, 1898, when he was again selected by Judge Gary as his personal bailiff.

Mr. Santa has ever taken a sincere interest in the welfare of his fellow-men, and especially in that of his fellow-countrymen. He is a prominent member of the Sons of Herman and has filled all the important offices in that society, including that of national president. He has held the same position in the German order of the Harugari. He is a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and has taken considerable part in the effective work of that organization, being at present connected with Uhlich Orphan Asylum. In politics Mr. Santa has followed the fortunes of the Republican party, having joined it upon its organization. Since learning the German and English languages he has become quite proficient in their use and has continued his studies along literary lines. He has contributed numerous articles to the German press of the city and also to a number of society papers throughout the country.

July 19, 1853, the subject of this sketch was married to Miss Jane Urquhart, who remained his helpmeet until her death in November, 1876. Of the children of this marriage, three are living, namely: William, Edward and Catherine, the last-named being now Mrs. Frank Holst. All are residents of Chicago. Mr. Santa was married a second time, in 1877, to Mrs. Louise Weise.

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## HANS LARSEN.

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**H**ANS LARSEN, one of the successful business men and respected citizens of the portion of Chicago where he is located, was born in Denmark, March 20, 1858, and possesses all the perseverance, energy and ambition of the natives of the country where he was born and spent the first part of his varied career. He was reared on a farm until twenty-one years of age, and received the advantages of the schools of his

birthplace for seven years. The most of his knowledge has been obtained in the vast school of experience, and he has profited by the advantages that have fallen to his lot.

He has never been above honest labor, and for a long time after his arrival in Chicago, was employed by the day by other men. He arrived in America in 1880, and traveled directly to Chicago. His first service was in a lumber yard,

where he received a dollar and one-half per day as compensation during the first year, and one dollar and seventy-five cents during the second year. He subsequently began work at the trade of carpenter, which he followed two years, receiving two dollars per day during the second year.

Mr. Larsen then decided to change his mode of work, and was employed four years by J. S. Kirk & Company, soap manufacturers. He was in the soda department the last two years. Deciding to embark in the grocery business, he located at No. 428 Grand Avenue, then West Indiana Street, and was thus occupied six years. When Mayor Washburne was elected he was appointed on the police force and served until October 26, 1897. He was first at Sheffield Avenue, in the Forty-first Precinct, remaining there five years. He was for the same length of time at Atwell Street, Thirty-fifth Precinct, and after retiring from the police force, established his pres-

ent business, dealing in flour and feed. He has built up a profitable trade and his success is entirely due to his own energetic efforts and business ability.

Mr. Larsen was fortunate in the selection of a very suitable and helpful life companion, in the person of Annie Carlsland, who has aided in making his home harmonious and pleasant. They were married in Chicago, May 15, 1886. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Larsen, but three are living, Gerhard, Hazel and Esther. Mr. Larsen is a member of the Policemen's Benevolent Association, and is also connected with the Royal League. He is a stanch and thorough Republican, and his influence in favor of his party is made manifest at all favorable opportunities. He is a self-made man, having started in a strange land, with no financial capital, and has made his own way since establishing himself in the great business world.

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## FRANK SPAMER.

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**F**RANK SPAMER, JUNIOR, who is one of the most enterprising and successful business men in Chicago, is an old and experienced hand at his business and holds an enviable position among men in his line. He was born May 8, 1859, in Beverly, Massachusetts, and is a son of Franz and Elizabeth Margaret Spamer, of whom mention is made in another article. He received a fairly good education, and being naturally apt, acquired a knowledge of books, as well as the ways of the great business world.

Frank Spamer attended the Newberry and Franklin Schools and took commercial law, bookkeeping and rhetoric at the Athenæum, attending one winter. He was, later, at public night school and one year in the Metropolitan

Business College. At the age of fifteen years he left school and began to seek employment. He accepted a position in the employ of Fred Kaemper, a bird fancier, and after one year, entered the service of Edward Buchler, who kept a foreign book store at No. 235 State Street, with whom he remained two years. He then became an employe of Adams & Westlake, hardware specialty manufacturers. He started in as an apprentice and remained three years, after which he obtained a position with Leahy Brothers, wholesale dry goods dealers. He served three years, and was six subsequent months in the capacity of salesman employed by C. W. M. Friedlander. He traveled three years for the Cincinnati house of Enneking, Hartkemeyer & Company, manufacturers of tailors' trimmings, visiting cities



through Iowa, Illinois, Northern Michigan and Wisconsin. Mr. Spamer was occupied one year with the same duties, traveling through his old territory, for the New York house of Richard Adams & Company, dealers in tailors' trimmings.

Subsequently, with W. G. Sheridan, he opened a tailor shop at No. 125 Dearborn Street, Chicago, the firm name becoming Sheridan & Spamer. The partnership was dissolved less than one year and Mr. Spamer entered into a like enterprise with Peter Steinmetz, the name being Steinmetz & Spamer, located at No. 183 North Avenue. This continued four years and Mr. Spamer continued business alone at No. 41 Randolph Street, three and one-half years. His last

move was to enter into partnership with Peter F. Jensen, a corporation being formed in September, 1895, and continuing to the present date, under the title of Spamer & Jensen Company.

Mr. Spamer was married May 8, 1883, to Miss Elizabeth Ellen Blackburn, daughter of Adam Blackburn, who is mentioned at length on another page of this work. Their only child is Frank Blackburn, who was born July 23, 1884. Mr. Spamer has a pleasant home at No. 303 Sheffield Avenue. He is a member of Lincoln Park Lodge No. 611, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and is a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He was reared in the Presbyterian Church, and adheres to the faith of his fathers.

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## JOHN BARTELL.

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**J**OHN BARTELL, a prominent carpenter and builder in the city of Chicago, was born in Hessen-Cassel, Germany, June 2, 1828, and is a son of John and Margaret Bartell, both of whom died in the Fatherland. Of their eight children, four came to America, namely: Christoph, Katharine, Louise and John. Christoph and John came to America in 1846, sailing from Bremen. After a voyage of eleven weeks on the sailing vessel "Rob Roy," they landed in the United States and located in Baltimore, Maryland.

In this city they worked at their trade for some years. Christoph remained there and became a very prominent citizen. He served in the state legislature during the Civil war and died in Baltimore in 1885. John became occupied at his trade in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and other cities and made his home in Baltimore until 1856. He visited his native land in 1852. In 1856 he came to Chicago and was employed by

other men until shortly before the fire of 1871, when he began building and contracting on his own account. He confined his operations mostly to the building of private residences. For thirty years he has been located at No. 189 Washington Street, or in that neighborhood.

He has supported the Republican party since its organization, but has never sought public office of any kind. He is a member of the Foresters' Order. December 5, 1852, he married Miss Eliza Rise, a native of Bavaria. She came to the United States in 1844, with her parents, Stephen and Dorothy Rise, who settled in Baltimore, where both died several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Bartell have lost one child by death and have seven children living, namely: Henry, Emma, Oscar, Richard, William, Amanda and Hattie. He is a man of excellent character, morally, though not a member of any religious organization. He is well known as a gentleman, in the best sense of the word, and has many true friends.

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MRS. JAMES JOHNSON.

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## JAMES JOHNSON.

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JAMES JOHNSON, who is now living retired, is a worthy old settler of Chicago and one of the wealthy and substantial citizens of the portion of the city which was once Englewood. His marvelous success is altogether due to his own efforts. He was born in New York City, January 14, 1832, and is a son of James and Eleanor (Wilson) Johnson, the former of Scotch-Irish and the latter of English parentage.

James Johnson was educated in the public schools of the city in which he was born and his father dying when James was a small boy, he was early forced to look after his own interests and begin the battle of life. He was for a short time employed in a brick yard. In 1847 he came west to Illinois and located in Du Page County. The following year his mother came to Illinois and brought with her her two daughters. His mother died in Englewood in the year 1866 and her remains were interred in Downer's Grove.

Mr. Johnson lived in the region of Downer's Grove until the gold fever broke out in 1849, when he went to California, traveling from New York by boat. He remained four years and was blessed with very good success. In 1853 he returned east, and in Fayette County, Iowa, purchased a farm and lived there nearly ten years. In 1863 he entered the service of the government and was in the quartermaster's department one year. He then located in Englewood, which was then called Rock Island Junction, and contained only about a dozen houses.

He subsequently became occupied at making hay in the summer months and teaming and general contracting in the winter. He took the contract for drawing the rock for the Transit House at the stock yards. He has since resided in this locality, having purchased property when the town was still young and growing fast. His land increased in value, enabling him to live in retirement since 1885. When the place was known as the Town of Lake, he was in charge of the fire station three years.

Mr. Johnson has been a Republican since the party was organized and his first presidential vote was cast for John C. Fremont. He has never held public office but was always a prominent worker and influential in the promotion of good for his party. He has for many years been a member of the Masonic order, being a charter member of Englewood Lodge No. 690, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1860 he married Miss Hattie Boydston, who was the mother of his only son, Elmer, who now resides in Nebraska. November 26, 1879, he married Mrs. Louise, widow of Henry Niemeyer. Mrs. Johnson was born October 18, 1839, in Hanover, Germany. (See biography of Henry Niemeyer on another page of this work.) Mrs. James Johnson was for some years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Hoffnung Rebekah Lodge, and was one of the first lady members initiated. She is at present and has been for many years a member of the Ladies' Aid Society of Ulich Orphan Asylum. Mr.

Johnson was reared in the faith of the Methodist Church, while his wife is a Lutheran. They have a pleasant home and enjoy the respect and confidence of a large circle of friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson possess pleasant, genial natures, full of hospitality and good will toward their fellows. Mr. Johnson has a sterling character, a strong sense of the right, and his

views on all matters are tempered with justice, liberality and moderation. He is upright in all his dealings, and his influence is always given to those enterprises that promote the public good. He is a high type of the self-made man, who has won success by his untiring industry and unswerving integrity, and his example is worthy of emulation by this rising generation.

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## HENRY KELLER.

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**H**ENRY KELLER, who is now living retired, is one of the wealthiest and most influential of Chicago's citizens. He is one of the worthy pioneers of the city, having resided within its limits since the year 1852. He was born August 12, 1831, in Hochhausen on Neckar, near Mosbach, Baden, Germany, and is a son of Philip and Regina (Fry) Keller. His grandfather was also named Philip, and both the father and grandfather were residents of the city of Chicago.

The family, consisting of the grandfather, Philip Keller, his son Philip and six other children, left Germany in March, 1853. They embarked at Rotterdam in a sailing ship bound for New York, and though they had a stormy passage, reached their destined harbor in thirty-five days. The entire family came directly to Chicago, arriving here about the middle of May. The Keller family was a very old and respected one in the land of its origin, and was founded in Germany by a very remote ancestor, who went there from Alsace-Lorraine. For many generations the members of the family were shepherds. Philip Keller, senior, grandfather of Henry, died in the same year the family settled in America, at the age of seventy-three years.

Philip Keller, junior, was a shepherd until 1842, and then became a tiller of the soil, following

the occupation until the year of his emigration. He was possessed of one thousand dollars in gold at that time, and assisted his son until the time of his death, in 1863, aged sixty-two years. His wife survived him ten years, dying at seventy-two years of age. Of the family born to this worthy couple but four are living. Johanna, who is the widow of Joseph Karl, became the mother of one son, Henry. Elizabeth, the widow of William Gunther, has two children. Henry is the next in order of birth, and Katharine is the wife of Adam Grimer, of Chicago.

Henry Keller attended school until he reached the age of fourteen years, after which time he attended night school. He was reared to the occupation of a shepherd. During the first two years of his life in Chicago he was employed as a butcher in the North and South Markets. In 1854 he opened a market of his own at the corner of South Wells (now Fifth Avenue) and Harrison Streets, and carried on business one year, and then moved to No. 48 Rees Street, on the North Side, and conducted a market at this location several years.

In 1858 he purchased a lot at the corner of Larrabee Street and Clybourn Avenue, and at this place continued to carry on business until the fire of 1871, when he lost all of his property, with the exception of his real estate, obtaining



HENRY KELLER.



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but meager insurance. His loss was several thousand dollars. He moved to Lake View subsequent to the fire, and located on the corner of Lincoln and Fullerton Avenues, beginning business three days after the fire. He continued to conduct a market at this location, and at the same time he was keeping a market at the corner of Larrabee Street and Clybourn Avenue, in a building which he erected for the purpose. He continued in business until the year 1894, when he retired from active life. Mr. Keller has always been of a vigorous constitution, enjoying the best of health at all times.

He has taken little interest in politics beyond following out the duty of every American citizen, that of voting, and upholds the Republican party. He is a valued and respected member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran

Church. He is connected with the South Side Sharpshooters' Club and since 1885 has been one of the directors of the Ulich Orphan Asylum.

In 1855 he was married to Miss Caroline Gunther, who was born in Milverstadt, Prussia, Germany. She came to Chicago with her mother in 1852, her father having died on the ocean, while on his way with them to America. The mother died in Blue Island in 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have three daughters and one son living. Philip H. resides at the corner of Seminary Avenue and Wellington Street. Elizabeth is the wife of William Lester, Julia of Albert Baldwin and Emma is now Mrs. W. C. Jacob. The family is highly respected wherever its members are known, and the name is, and will always continue to be, among the first and most prominent in the city of Chicago.

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## CAPT. FREDERICK GUND.

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**C**APT. FREDERICK GUND, who is a retired city official, has been identified with Chicago since 1847, and has resided on the North Side this entire length of time. He was born December 1, 1823, in Baden, Germany, and his parents were Anton and Anna Eva Gund. They died in Germany, the father in 1829 and the mother in 1868. They were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters, but only Frederick and his brother, John A. Gund, came to America and the latter died in Chicago in the year 1868, having been in this country a period of twenty years.

Frederick Gund was reared on a farm and educated in a public school. He assisted in the duties of farming until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he enlisted in the standing army of Germany. He served five years, enter-

ing as a private and being promoted to the rank of orderly sergeant. Early in the spring of 1847 he sailed from Bremen in a small two-masted ship. After a voyage of fifty-two days he was landed in New York, and spent about two months with a friend in Troy, New York, where he was employed in a brush factory. He then came west to Chicago, and having brought a little money with him from his native land he soon began business and engaged a number of hands at making cigars. He continued this business, with his brother for a partner, with good success until 1862. He then turned the entire business over to his brother and receiving an appointment from the mayor as policeman in 1854, he followed this occupation eight months, when he resigned. After Mayor Dyer's election in 1856, he was again put on the force and was

made lieutenant. He served as such until 1867, when Mayor Wentworth was elected and he was promoted to the position of captain and served in that capacity until the board of commissioners was appointed by the governor. A Mr. Nelson was appointed to fill his position, but after six months they sent for Captain Gund. As he was then working for the board of public works he would not accept the position until the board would employ the man of his choice as his successor. They agreed to this and he resumed his position as captain. Upon the expiration of Mr. Country's term as commissioner Captain Gund was elected police commissioner and served the six-year term, which expired in December, 1871. In the fire of that year he was burned out, losing about thirty thousand dollars. He received practically no insurance but still had his two lots at No. 521 North Clark Street, and after the fire he built a small shanty to live in. In the spring of 1872 the police commissioner again appointed him as captain, and he served until August 1, 1879, when failing health caused him to retire from service. He had served about twenty-two years in all in the police department. He has since lived retired, looking after his property in-

terests, and has always been active in promoting the best interests of the city and country.

Captain Gund acted with the Democratic party previous to the organization of the Republican party, and assisted in the organization of the latter in Chicago. He voted for Fremont and has supported the candidates of that party ever since. He was married in Chicago February 9, 1849, in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, to Miss Adelheid, daughter of Henry Wistheim. She was born in Nassau, Germany, and came to Chicago in 1847. They have had seven children, but four died in childhood. The following are living: Frederick William, an electrician in the fire department; Frank A., traveling salesman for Durand & Kasper; and Mary, wife of P. J. Kasper, of the firm of Durand & Kasper, wholesale grocers.

Captain Gund is still active and strong, and although seventy-five years of age, is as much interested as ever in the affairs of the world. He is a bright character, with an interesting manner, and is thoroughly a gentleman of the old school. He is honored by all who know him and respected by all who have heard the story of his useful and industrious life.

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## ERNEST M. JOHNSON.

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**E**RNEST MORTIMER JOHNSON was for some time an employe in the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company's office. He was born March 23, 1866, and attended school until he reached the age of sixteen years, being an attendant of the high school and Cook County Normal School for three years.

He was employed by the Wilson Sewing Machine Company after leaving school, and was in the enameling department of that concern two years. He was then made clerk under his father's

supervision, at the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company's freight office. He remained in this position until February 1, 1898, when he decided to take a vacation.

E. M. Johnson was married September 24, 1885, to Miss Millie, daughter of Andrew St. John, a native of New York state. Mr. Johnson built a residence at No. 6911 Wabash Avenue, this being one of the first houses in the vicinity. He is connected with Mystic Star Lodge No. 758, of the Masonic order, and is a staunch up-



holder of the principles of the Republican party, voting in its favor at every opportunity. He has never cared to fill any public office, as there are enough men who are more than anxious for an

opportunity. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson make an admirable couple, both being genial and hospitable people, and ready at all times to assist those in distress or need.

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## WILLIAM TEMPEL.

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**W**ILLIAM TEMPEL is the senior member of the firm of William Tempel & Company. They do a real-estate and mortgage-loan business and succeeded the firm of Knauer Brothers, who established the business in 1855, on the corner of Clark and Kinzie Streets. Mr. Tempel was born in Steinheim, Province of Westphalia, Prussia, July 1, 1833, and is a son of Frantz Tempel, further mention of whom is made in the biography of Anton Tempel, on another page of this volume.

William Tempel is the second son of his father. He attended school in the land of his nativity until he had reached the age of fourteen years. In the fall of 1853 he embarked at Bremen Harbor on a sailing ship and after a voyage of eighty-five days landed in New York. He remained in that city two months and continued his journey to Chicago, arriving in this city in March, 1854. Mr. Tempel opened a restaurant soon after his arrival at the corner of Van Buren and Sherman Streets, where he continued in business two years. He then left Chicago, going directly to St. Louis, Missouri, where he engaged in business for a few months. From there he went to New Orleans, and there kept a market in St. Mary's Market Place. On the breaking out of the Civil War he was ordered to enlist in the Confederate Army or leave the country. Choosing the latter, he did not take time to close out his stock, but left on the last north-bound boat but one that left the south in safety, in the night. At Baton Rouge the boat was fired on, but without any serious results.

Mr. Tempel repaired to St. Joseph, Missouri, and there started a fruit store. That city soon became too hot for such a pronounced anti-slavery and Union man and he left his business a second time and fled from the city by a boat bound for St. Louis, which was fired upon by Rebels at Jefferson, Missouri. On returning to Chicago he opened a grocery store on South Halsted Street at the corner of what was then Wright Street, but soon after removed to the North Side and located at the corner of Division and North Clark Streets. He conducted a general store, dealing very profitably in groceries and provisions, also having a large stock of flour, feed and charcoal. This business he continued with success until the fire of 1871 destroyed all his savings, leaving him destitute of property, with the exception of some real estate. He got no insurance. His establishment was at that time the only store between Division Street and Evanston.

Immediately subsequent to the fire Mr. Tempel rebuilt his store building, and inside of three weeks had purchased a stock of goods and reopened his establishment for the accommodation of his numerous customers. He continued the business successfully one year and in 1872 removed to the corner of Wells and Eugenie Streets and continued in the same line of business as before, at the same time keeping the Farmers' Home. He subsequently purchased property at the corner of Burling and Center Streets and engaged in business at that location. His estab-

lishment was of the same nature as that he had formerly conducted and he did a prosperous business, accumulating a handsome competence. In 1882 fire destroyed his business and residence and he retired from active business life and lived retired until recently, when he engaged in his present business. He is an ambitious and enterprising man and has always taken a lively interest in public affairs. He is a Republican in principle and has held no public office. He is a genial, pleasant gentleman of the true order, having ever been possessed with a manner to inspire the confidence of his fellow-men.

April 11, 1864, Mr. Tempel was married to Miss Anna Schabokrzy, who was born in Bohemia and came to Chicago in 1856. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tempel, namely: William F.; Minnie, wife of Robert Erbe, head cutter for Jacob L. Cohn & Company; Tillie, wife of Jacob Spielman, president of Spielman Brothers Company, manufacturers of vinegar and yeast; Anna, wife of Dr. W. S. Orth, a physician and surgeon connected with the Alex-

ian Brothers' Hospital; and Charles, who died in infancy. They all reside in the beautiful flat building at No. 1764 Wrightwood Avenue, which Mr. Tempel bought in 1896. Mr. Tempel is independent in his religious opinions and is not a member of any church organization. He is a man of high principles and unstained honor, respected by all who come in contact with him and one of the worthy citizens of Chicago. The mother of Mrs. Tempel died when she was still a child, and her father died in 1882 of suffocation, when Mr. Tempel was burned out on Burling and Center Streets.

Mr. Tempel has witnessed many improvements in the city and has been closely identified with its business interests, contributing in a material as well as influential way to many of the changes. He is a friend to education and has allowed his family all the advantages to be obtained by money and the times. He is especially happy and companionable in his home life, and his attractive home is the abode of a genuine, open-handed hospitality.

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## AUGUST HOEFER.

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**A**UGUST HOEFER, who was a prominent citizen of Chicago for several years, was born August 19, 1840, near Burbrach, Koeller, in Prussia, Germany. His father, Henry Hoefer, was a coal miner in his native land, and died in Chicago in 1868. August Hoefer's mother died in Germany, and his father married a second time, his wife dying in Bensonville, Douglas County, Illinois. In 1865 Mr. Hoefer and family, consisting of two daughters and three sons, came to the United States and settled in Chicago. The children were named: August, William, Sophia, Emma and Henry.

August Hoefer was educated in the parish

school of the Lutheran Church and confirmed in the church. He learned the trade of baker, which he followed. After coming to America he worked as a journeyman until 1869, when he started a bakery at No. 308 North Avenue. He was burned out in the fire of 1871, losing everything. He again started on the adjoining lot, and baked his first bread December 2 of that year, making the first bread baked in the burnt neighborhood. He continued in business and prospered. In 1872 he purchased a lot at No. 227 North Avenue, and built the present building, which comprises a bakery, store, residence and a large hall known as Hoefer's Hall. In 1882 he



retired from active business, having accumulated a handsome competence, and he and Mrs. Hoefer spent a year in San Jose, California. He subsequently became an insurance agent, and continued four years. He died December 5, 1891, mourned by family and friends. He was a valued member of New Chicago Lodge No. 506, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a charter member of Sophia Rebekah Lodge No. 96. He was connected with the Knights of Pythias, and was a valued and consistent member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was independent in his political views, voting for the man who, in his opinion, was best adapted to fill the office to the first interests of the people.

Mr. Hoefer married Miss Catharine Nicholson, October 10, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Hoefer were blessed with eleven children, but all are now deceased. Mrs. Hoefer was born in Hussum, in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, March 5, 1845. Her father died when she was a small child and she came with some friends to the United States

in 1865. She is identified with a number of societies and benevolent organizations. She is a charter member of Sophia Rebekah Lodge No. 96, and belongs to the German Hospital Ladies' Society, the Ulich Orphan Asylum's Ladies' Society and the Odd Fellows' Old People's Home Society. She is Past Grand Treasurer of the State Rebekah Assembly, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Illinois, and is a member of the Advisory Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home of Illinois, and the Ladies' Society of Pastor John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which she is a past officer.

Mrs. Hoefer gives much of her time and means to the advancement of charitable societies, and has a large acquaintance throughout the state. She is held in high esteem by her many friends, for her many excellent qualities of head and heart. In everything that tends to promote the best interests of society generally, Mrs. Hoefer takes an active part, and faithfully discharges every sacred duty to friends, society and church.

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## JAMES SMEATON.

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JAMES SMEATON, one of the successful cut stone dealers in the city of Chicago, and one of the prominent citizens, was born in Perth, Scotland, August 14, 1857. His parents, Andrew and Jennie (Taylor) Smeaton, came to Chicago in March of the year 1873.

James Smeaton learned the trade of stone cutting in Chicago and was first with Henry Kerber four years. He worked on the old post-office subsequent to that time, and then visited Europe, remaining away a year. On coming to Chicago the second time he was unable to find employment and again returned to Scotland, where he remained eighteen months. But his longing for Chicago became so strong that he

located here once more and became one of the employes of Henry Kerber again. He continued with him until he opened a yard for stone cutting, for his own interests, at the corner of Nineteenth Street and Wentworth Avenue. This was April of the year 1882, and he was located at that place until 1888, when he removed his business to the corner of Forty-seventh Street and the Fort Wayne car tracks, at Stewart Avenue. He is still established at that location and is conducting a very profitable business.

Mr. Smeaton was married August 21, 1878, to Miss Annie Black, daughter of William and Martha (Redgate) Black. Mrs. Smeaton was born in Ireland and emigrated from her native



land in 1872. Her children are accounted for as follows: James, born June 10, 1880; Annie, April 3, 1882; William Black, October 11, 1883; David Taylor, January 3, 1885; and Jennet Taylor, November 11, 1888.

Mr. Smeaton was made a Mason in Kirkcaldy Lodge No. 73, in Scotland. He is a member of Thomas J. Turner Lodge No. 409, of Chicago, and was a charter member of

Fidelity Court No. 37, Independent Order of Foresters. He is a staunch upholder of the principles of the Republican party and supports the candidates of the party in every practical manner. He is a Presbyterian in religious belief, and his wife sympathizes with him in his views. They have a fine family, and are devoted to their children in every manner, morally and practically.

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## ATZEL BROTHERS.

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**A**TZEL BROTHERS, who are engaged in the flour and feed business at Nos. 556-558 South Canal Street, belong to one of the oldest German-American families of the city, and are both natives of Chicago. Their father, Tobias Atzel, was born November 5, 1813, in Alsace, then a part of France. He was reared and educated in his native place, and in 1833 came to the United States, having sailed from Havre in a sailing ship which took sixty-five days to make the voyage to New York.

He traveled on to Buffalo, and there served a regular apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade. In May, 1836, he went back to his native land and married Magdalena Haas and, with his wife, returned to America. He came direct to Chicago, arriving in July of the same year. He at once began working at his trade and did building for some time. About 1850 he kept a grocery store and hotel on Jefferson Street, and in the spring of 1854 removed to Du Page County and bought a farm, south of Hinsdale. He was engaged in farming about twenty years, and then moved to Downer's Grove, where he died in December, 1894, his good wife surviving him but ten days, when she too passed away.

They were many years members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Mr. Atzel was one of the first members of Dr. Hartmann's Church of that denomination.

Mr. and Mrs. Atzel were the parents of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity, namely: Caroline, now Mrs. Peter Leibundguth, of Downer's Grove; George, senior partner of Atzel Brothers; Thomas, who is now deceased; John, of the firm of Atzel Brothers; Louise, deceased; Frederick; William; Magdalena, widow of Daniel Peters, of South Chicago; and Henry.

George Atzel was born in Chicago, April 8, 1844. His primary education was received in the Skinner School on west Madison Street, and while on the farm, in DuPage County, he attended the district school in winter. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, and in 1862 enlisted in the Union Army. He was mustered into service September 6 of that year and was assigned to Company H, One Hundred Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He entered as a private, but was soon promoted to corporal, and November 1, 1863, was again promoted to commissary sergeant. He was never wounded, taken prisoner nor in the hospital, but was with

his regiment throughout his length of service, participating in every engagement in which the regiment took part. He was mustered out of service in June, 1865, in Washington, District of Columbia. At the close of the Civil War he returned to his father's farm and remained a few years. In 1870, with his brother, John, he entered the flour and feed business on Canal Street, in Chicago, a few doors south of their present place of business. For about fourteen years they did a large business in buying and selling horses, shipping to Boston, Massachusetts.

George Atzel cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and has ever since supported the candidates of the Republican party. He never sought public office, in any form. Mr. Atzel is a member of U. S. Grant Post No. 20, Grand Army of the Republic. In 1867 he married Miss Katharine Leibundguth. Their children were six in number, but three

died in childhood. Those still in the land of the living are: Emma, wife of Fred O. Schmitt, a druggist at the corner of Robey Street and Roscoe Boulevard; George W., a pharmacist; and Edward. The members of the family attend the Evangelical Lutheran Church, whose faith they embrace.

John Atzel was born June 28, 1848. He enlisted in the United States Army at the time the Civil War was in progress, in March, 1865, and served in the One Hundred Fifty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, until the close of the war. He married Miss Ellen Leibundguth, by whom he has three children: Clara, wife of August Drawle, Nettie and John. Mrs. Atzel died in April, 1884, mourned by family and friends.

John Atzel is connected with Pleiades Lodge No. 478, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a Republican, being loyal in every sense to the principles of his party.

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## JULIUS WAHL.

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**J**ULIUS WAHL, who is among the prominent citizens of the city of Chicago and well known among the business precincts as an extensive real-estate dealer, was born January 21, 1848. His parents were Leopold and Helena (Meinhardt) Wahl and lived at Recklinghausen, Westphalia, Germany, at the time of his birth.

Leopold Wahl, his father, was born in Minden, Westphalia; received a military education, serving in the army until he was thirty years of age. He then received a court appointment, having control of the court funds of the city of Recklinghausen. He occupied this position until his death in 1850. He was a typical representative of his native land, being of rugged physique and of medium size.

Julius Wahl came to Chicago in 1868. He attended school in the old country until he was fifteen years of age and later spent five years in apprenticeship, learning glass engraving. He never followed this profession after coming to the United States. After arriving in Chicago he delivered newspapers for a short time, after that became a clerk in a grocery store, but later obtained a position as deputy clerk of internal revenue under Herman Raster. After the resignation of Mr. Raster as collector he was engaged as clerk for Waixel Brothers, liquor dealers. He was clerk for the Germania Insurance Company one year, and from 1872 to 1884 was deputy clerk of the circuit court of Cook County. During 1885 he was in the law office of Rosenthal



& Pence, after which he began to deal in real estate for himself. He opened an office in 1886 at No. 81 Clark Street, remaining at this location three years. He was subsequently two years at No. 92 La Salle Street, Illinois National Bank Building, four years, Hartford Building one year, and at present has his office at Room 701, No. 167 Dearborn Street. He has handled lands in Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Nebraska, California and Indiana. He also deals in lands in this city, buying and exchanging property and making loans quite extensively.

Julius Wahl was married in 1874 to Sophie Wienhoeber, a daughter of George Wienhoeber.

Mrs. Wahl was born and educated in Germany. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wahl are Anna, Ella and Dorothea. Leopold, the second born, died at the age of nine months. Mr. Wahl is an upholder of the principles and candidates of the Republican party. He is one of the most extensive real-estate dealers in Chicago and has been very successful. He rises from one of the oldest German families and has all the nature and bearing of the true refined German. His residence, at No. 6919 Calumet Avenue, is one of the finest and most luxurious in that section of the city, and he may be proud of the ownership.

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## AARON D. STEVENS.

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**A**ARON DEFOREST STEVENS, who has for many years been an efficient and valued employe of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, was born May 3, 1856, at Plattville, Wisconsin. His parents, Aaron Deforest and Emma Ora (Campbell) Stevens, were of English birth. The paternal grandfather of the man whose name heads this article was Asa Stevens, and his children were Henry, Asa and others whose names have not been recorded. The maternal grandfather was Divillis Campbell, and his children were named: Robert, Mary, Emma, Margaret, Charles, Divillis, Henry, Irene and Andrew. Divillis Campbell, senior, was of Scottish birth and was a good representative of the hardy race.

Aaron Deforest Stevens, senior, died October 14, 1891, at the age of sixty years. His remains were interred at Sandford, Midland County, Michigan. He was a shoemaker by trade, and was born twenty miles from London, England. At the age of eleven years he went to sea, remaining on the ocean six years. He then settled

down in America, and as he was an enthusiastic hunter, this country held great attraction for him, with its boundless prairies and immense amount of game. He traveled all through America and finally located in New York State, later removing to Michigan, in 1870. He remained in that locality until his death. He visited California, and some years later Florida, during the time his home was in Michigan. Mrs. A. D. Stevens died at the age of forty years, in July, 1877. Her children were: Emma, Ora and Aaron Deforest.

Aaron D. Stevens attended a Catholic school until he reached the age of sixteen years and was then employed by the Buffalo & Erie Railway Company as messenger boy. After six months he was made switchman, and remained thus occupied until May, 1870. He subsequently changed to the service of the New York Central Railroad Company, remaining until November, 1871. He then removed to Chicago and was made switchman and subsequently yardmaster for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern



Railroad Company, being in the same employ since that time. He has for fourteen years been yard-master. Mr. Stevens was married November 12, 1876, to Nancy Jane McLemore, of Kentucky. Her children are accounted for as follows: Francis Sunderland, born October 4, 1877, is in the bridge-building business. Frederick Deforest was born April 29, 1892. The father of Mrs. Stevens is Jefferson McLemore and her mother Nancy Frances (Crawford) McLemore. They resided in Hopkins County, Kentucky, at the time of the birth of their daughter,

the wife of Mr. Stevens, which occurred April 12, 1859, and came to Chicago in 1873. They come of very old Kentucky families and the Crawford name is a time-honored one.

Mr. Stevens is a very genial gentleman, being a type of the old school and a credit to the name he bears. He has never sought public favor in the form of office, but uses his influence and arguments for the benefit of the Democratic party. His family is one of importance among the present generation and his life work has been one to be remembered by men.

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## WILLIAM R. MACSWAIN.

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**W**ILLIAM ROBERTSON MACSWAIN, who is among the most enterprising of the citizens of Chicago and influential among men of his class and standing, was born February 7, 1850, on Spruce Street, Portland, Maine. His ancestors were Scotch and belonged rightly to that sturdy and long-lived race which has ever been renowned for the honesty and uprightness of its people. The paternal grandfather of William R. MacSwain was Donald MacSwain, who located at Prince Edwards Island about 1840, and died there. He was a miller and his children were: Janet, who married John McClelland; John; Alexander, who came to the United States; Anna, who married Alexander Gillis; Swain, father of the man whose name heads this article; Allan, who came to America and located in Maine; Sarah, who married Mr. McKenzie and went with her husband to Australia; and Jennie, who married John Beaton.

The father of W. R. MacSwain was Swain MacSwain, who married Miss Barbara Curry. He died at the age of fifty-four years and was

interred at Hadley, Illinois. He was born in Inverness, Scotland, and followed the occupation of stone mason. He settled in Canada at the age of twenty-five years and shortly afterward removed to Portland, Maine.

W. R. MacSwain was educated in the public school at Portland, which he left at the age of fourteen years. He at once began to learn the trade of a stone mason, serving an apprenticeship of three and one-half years with Charles M. Brainerd, and worked at his trade a year and one-half in the city of Boston, Massachusetts. He came to Chicago in 1868 and after remaining here six months went to Will County, Illinois, and for two years worked for a salary. He subsequently took up the occupation of a railroad man and for three months was switchman for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company. He was ten years switchman for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company and was then made passenger conductor and served two years. November 1, 1879, he was caught between two cars and was disabled for

eight months. September 30, 1883, he lost his left arm in the stock yards, and subsequently entered the coroner's office as deputy, remaining thus occupied eight years. He then changed and was in various offices, but in December, 1893, he entered Sheriff Pease's office as jury clerk, later serving as bookkeeper and still later was one year bookkeeper for John Symons. He then entered the county clerk's office, under Philip Knopf, and is there employed as clerk at the present time.

Mr. MacSwain was married July 19, 1873, to Miss Carrie Sarah Clark, daughter of Lorin and Dollie (Fuller) Clark. One of the ancestors of Mrs. MacSwain, by the name of Fuller, came over in the "Mayflower." Chief Justice Fuller is a descendant of the same ancestor. The family of

Fuller became represented in Chicago in 1865. The children of Mr. and Mrs. MacSwain are: Dollie Grace (now the wife of John Symons, whose biography appears in this work), and Hattie Barbara.

Mr. MacSwain is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias and is connected with Custer Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Grand Crossing Lodge No. 52, of the Royal League. He votes in favor of the candidates of the Republican party and is ever an active worker in support of its principles, striving to secure honest methods in the conduct of its affairs. He was reared a Presbyterian and has always been loyal to the teachings of his fathers. He is a man of strong character, and is honored and respected alike by family and friends.

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## JOHN W. DIECKMANN.

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JOHN WILLIAM DIECKMANN, who has been an honored and respected citizen of Chicago for over forty years, is now living in quiet retirement at Gross Park, enjoying the fruits of his former industry. He was born November 2, 1823, in Hanover, Germany, and is the youngest in a family of four children born to Andrew and Ellen (Budke) Dieckmann. The parents were natives of Hanover, and passed their entire lives in the Fatherland, as did two of their four children. John W. and Herman became residents of Chicago, the latter locating here in 1859, dying some years ago.

Mr. Dieckmann, of this sketch, was reared a farmer and received his education in the public schools, and followed the occupation of tiller of the soil until he emigrated. In 1851 he married Miss Margaret Krabbe, who was also born and reared in Hanover. September 1, 1857, accompanied by his wife and two daughters, he

sailed from Bremen Harbor in the sailing ship "Alice." The voyage to New York occupied thirty-four days, with no events specially important to break the monotony of the trip. Two days after landing they started for Chicago, and arrived October 12. At that time the country was passing through the worst business depression it has ever experienced and work was scarce and wages low.

Mr. Dieckmann was fortunate and soon found employment, but received only fifty cents per day for his services. His good wife was ambitious to succeed and assist in making a home in the New World and did washing for other families for the small sum of twenty-five cents per day. Beginning in this small way they laid the foundation for their future success. The next year after their arrival Mr. Dieckmann rented some land on Diversey Avenue from William B. Ogden and engaged in market gardening. In this move



he was very successful and continued to prosper until a short time after the fire of 1871. During that terrible conflagration Mr. Dieckmann opened his house and with his wife entertained a few hundred sufferers from the fire.

Having purchased some lots on the corner of Ashland Avenue and Roscoe Street, he removed to that location and cultivated them, at the same time continuing the cultivation of the leased land. For two years he engaged in the milk business, but abandoned it for the more profitable and congenial work of market gardening. In 1889 he retired from active labor with a handsome competence, and has since enjoyed a well-earned rest. Since he became a citizen Mr. Dieckmann has supported the Republican party, but he has never aspired to political preferment.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dieckmann six children were born, but two died in infancy and four daughters (the two oldest having been born in Germany

and the others in Chicago) are still living, namely: Anna, wife of Peter Wolff, of No. 39 Evans-ton Avenue; Mary, now Mrs. Leonard Schirmer, of No. 68 West Madison Street; Lena, wife of Frank Albrecht, of No. 624 Otto Street, and Katharine, who became the wife of Thomas Schultz, and resides in Denver, Colorado.

After a long and happy married life, Mrs. Dieckmann was called to her reward August 3, 1889, and her remains were laid to rest in Grace-land Cemetery. Mr. Dieckmann has long been a consistent member of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, and for many years has held the office of secretary. In all religious and benevolent works he takes special interest. By his many acts of kindness and genuine uprightness of character he has endeared himself to many friends and is held in high regard by the community in which he has so long been a resident.

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## CARL LINDE.

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**C**ARL LINDE, who lives retired, has been many years a resident of Chicago. He was born in Hanover, Germany, October 13, 1823, son of Christian Linde, who was a member of an old German family, and served in the army in the Napoleonic war. He died in Germany in 1846 and his wife survived him until 1865, when she passed away. They had six children, three of whom are deceased. Christian and Carl live in Chicago, and Johannah is now Mrs. Kroia, of Germany.

Carl Linde was liberally educated in the public school of his native town. At the age of fourteen years he began to learn the tinner's trade and after serving an apprenticeship of four years

continued to work at it until he came to America. In May, 1854, he sailed from Bremen Harbor in the sailing ship "Jacob Groeser." After a pleasant sail of some weeks he was landed in New York. As his brother, Christian, had located in Chicago, Carl Linde continued his journey westward to that city. He brought fourteen hundred dollars to America with him, but lost four hundred of it in a bank that failed.

His first work in this country was at his trade at a location on Lake Street. He worked twenty-five years for wages and all that period was foreman over a number of other men with the exception of one year. As he was a skilled man and reliable he received a good salary at all



times. He has lived retired more than twenty years. His first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, since which time he has supported the representatives of the Republican party at all times and places and opportunities, in national affairs, while in local matters he votes for the best man for the office, regardless of party.

In 1860 Mr. Linde was married to Miss Katharine Kuhirt, a native of Germany. Mrs.

Linde came to Chicago in 1857. She became the mother of two children, both of whom died young. Mr. Linde is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at the corner of Garfield Avenue and Mohawk Street. He is a good, moral citizen, of the true and tried type, ready at all times to do all in his power for the benefit of humanity in general. His ideas are the highest and he is a gentleman in every sense of the word.

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## REV. PAUL BRAUNS.

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**R**EV. PAUL BRAUNS, who is pastor of Epiphany's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of Roscoe Boulevard and Claremont Avenue, was born January 27, 1864, in Hanover, Germany, and is a son of Rev. Otto and Johanna (Kleinschmidt) Brauns, natives of that place. The father is a clergyman of the Lutheran Church and still has a charge and is actively employed in ministerial work.

Paul Brauns was liberally educated in various institutions of learning in his native land, and was graduated from the gymnasium of Goettingen in 1881. He then sailed from Bremen in the steamship "Rhine," of the German Lloyd Company, bound for America, landing in New York City after a twelve days' voyage. Going direct to St. Louis, Missouri, he entered the Concordia Seminary, and took a theological course, graduating in 1884. On leaving college he went back to Germany and after visiting his parents a short time studied nearly a year at Leipsic. Having received a call from St. Mattaeus Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chicago, as assistant minister, he came here in 1885 and entered upon his duties. After ably and

satisfactorily filling that position five years, he again visited the Fatherland, spending nearly a year in Europe.

In the summer of 1891 he returned to Chicago and organized the Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, and in 1893 built the present large church edifice on the corner of Belmont and North Washtenaw Avenues, remaining in charge and laboring faithfully in the Master's cause until 1895. In May of that year he severed his connection with the Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states and joined the Evangelical Synod of North America, and organized his present congregation and parochial school. So well has he succeeded that the church membership consists of about two hundred families and seventy-five pupils attend the parish school, and nearly five hundred the Sabbath-school.

Mr. Brauns is very popular with his congregation. He is a gentleman of pleasing personality, a ripe scholar, logical reasoner and a fluent and forcible speaker, possessing oratorical powers of a high order. His influence is ever exerted on the side of right, and every movement for the moral or intellectual advancement of the

community finds in him a staunch supporter. He keeps himself informed on public questions pertaining to City, State and Nation and, being independent, supports the man best qualified for official position.

September 15, 1886, he married Miss Else, the daughter of Rev. Frederick Ruhland. She was born in Buffalo, New York, and educated in Germany. They have two children, Paul and Walter, and have lost two by death.

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## GEORGE MACAULEY.

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GEORGE MACAULEY, an old-time and popular resident of the city of Chicago, is the eldest son of John Macauley, who came to New York City from Ireland in 1847, and of whom extended mention is made in this volume, in connection with the biography of his son, John Macauley.

The subject of this sketch was born January 23, 1825, in Rathfriland, County Down, Ireland, and attended school there until he was thirteen years of age. He was then put to work in a saw pit, where he continued one year. After the arrival of the family in New York he was employed nine years in that city as a carpenter. He then came to Chicago and spent the first year in this city in the service of Uriah Foot, in building the Richmond House. He was next foreman for Horatio Lombard, on the construction of the Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Carpenter and West Washington Streets. Since that time he has engaged in building operations on his own account, and is still actively engaged in business as a contractor.

His first contract was for the construction of a residence for Sylvester Lynn, at the corner of West Randolph and Carpenter Streets. He subsequently erected the Lincoln School, on Larrabee Street near Fullerton Avenue, and the Vedder Street School. Notwithstanding his advanced age, he is still very active in the prosecution of business.

In 1860 Mr. Macauley was made a Mason, in Kilwinnig Lodge No. 311, and became a charter member of Lincoln Park Lodge No. 611, which was instituted October 5, 1869. In 1873 he was exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry in Wylie M. Egan Chapter No. 126, which he left to enter Lincoln Park Chapter No. 177 in 1893. He is also a member of Chicago Council No. 4, of Royal and Select Masters. He built the first hall occupied by Lincoln Park Lodge, at Lincoln Avenue and Center Street, and was Tyler of this lodge from 1876 to 1879, inclusive. Since 1891 he has occupied the same position in Chicago Council, and in Lincoln Park Chapter since 1893. He is a member of Dr. Rusk's Independent Militant Church, which meets at No. 40 Randolph Street.

In 1862 Mr. Macauley visited a Masonic lodge of North American Indians, which met in the woods near the Mississippi River, nearly opposite La Crosse, Wisconsin. They were working under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Canada. This visit was made in winter, when the river was covered with ice, not strong enough, however, to bear the weight of a man. Two friendly Indians ferried him across from the Wisconsin shore, one sitting in the bow of the canoe to break a way through the ice, and the other propelling the boat with a long pole. Landing among the hostile aborigines, he was introduced by his escort as a brother Mason, and was immediately sur-



rounded by the young warriors, who, at a signal from their chief, the Master of their lodge, carried him to camp on their shoulders. He was then given a greeting of welcome by most of the tribe, and soon all who were Masons proceeded to a neighboring valley. A double line of sentries was posted on the surrounding hilltops and a lodge was opened in due and ancient form in the valley below. The Master spoke his native tongue except when addressing the Senior Warden, whose place was at this time filled by Mr. Macauley. After closing the lodge they returned to camp, where a feast of venison and a hilarious time followed. Mr. Macauley was again carried on the shoulders of the young Indians to the bank of the river, and ferried across to his white friends on the Wisconsin side.

July 4, 1850, Mr. Macauley was married, in New York City, to Miss Charlotte Eakin, a

daughter of Charles Eakin, who had then been deceased about four years. Mr. and Mrs. Macauley are the parents of seven children, namely: Elizabeth, Charles, John, Jane, Margaret, Annie and Charlotte. The third and fifth are now deceased. The eldest married Albert Frieze, of Chicago, and is the mother of two daughters and three sons. The second married Mary Schultz, now deceased, and resides in Chicago. The fourth became the wife of Fred Whiting, and had one daughter, Mamie, who died in her twelfth year. The youngest married Fred Rinn, and has a son and daughter.

Mr. Macauley occupies a handsome residence, erected by himself, at No. 195 Lincoln Avenue. He enjoys a very wide acquaintance, is noted for his hospitality and liberality and is highly respected and esteemed by all who are privileged to know him.

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## FRANK B. STORMS.

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**F**RANK BROWN STORMS. Among the early citizens of the great city of Chicago was the family of Storms. The members of the family all became prominent citizens, and those still living to bear the name are a credit to the ancient family. Frank Brown Storms was born February 26, 1875, in Chicago, and has resided in the same vicinity his entire life. For further mention of his ancestors see biographical sketch of John E. Storms.

Frank B. Storms attended school on Fifty-fourth Street until he reached the age of fifteen years. From the time he was eight years old until he was sixteen years of age he delivered papers, daily. He then secured employment in the cutting department of Sprague, Warner &

Company. Subsequent to the time he left the above-mentioned employ, he entered the livery business at No. 5326 Monroe Avenue, dealing in horses, and continued at this location one year. Peter Craenenbroack was his partner during this time. He was later located one year at No. 5419 Kimbark Avenue, and is now employed by Armour & Company at the stock yards.

Mr. Storms was married October 1, 1897, to Miss Emma Bischoff, a native of Freeport, Illinois. He was in the service of William Beale, in the office of the corporation counsel for a short time. He is one of the highly honored citizens of the vicinity in which he resides, and has proven himself ever loyal to the right and in upholding all that is for the uplifting of the people.



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## WILLIAM T. JOHNSON.

WILLIAM THOMAS JOHNSON is one of Chicago's well-known and eminently respected citizens. He is a native of Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York, born November 16, 1835, being a son of Thomas and Hannah (Temple) Johnson, the former born in Scarboro, England, in 1805. At the age of twenty years he was married to Hannah Temple. He was a farmer by occupation, and, being ambitious for the attainment of better things than his intelligence and energy were likely to produce in his native land, on account of lack of opportunity, he decided to go to America, where opportunities commensurate with his enterprise were to be embraced.

Accordingly, soon after his marriage, he, with his young wife, crossed the ocean and settled on a farm in Oneida County, New York. His industrious habits soon won for him a substantial start and in time he became quite wealthy for a tiller of the soil. To him and his estimable wife were born nine children: George, now of Marshalltown, Iowa; John, deceased; Mary Ann, wife of John Holland, of Oneida County, New York; William T., of this notice; Henry, deceased; Juniette; James, of Oneida County, New York; Charles, deceased; and Edward, also of Oneida County, New York. Both parents lived to attain a ripe age, the father dying April 7, 1880, aged seventy-five years, and the mother, March 29, 1885, aged seventy-seven years and two months.

William T. Johnson was reared on his father's

farm, one of the best in the famed Mohawk Valley. His educational advantages were limited to the public schools, where he was instructed in the primary branches of an English education. When twenty years of age he went out from his parental home to seek fortune and position in Chicago, then as now, the "Eldorado" of the west. He arrived in that city a total stranger, without even a letter of recommendation in his pocket, but he had what was better—unlimited capacity for work, and a keen discriminating intelligence. He at once secured work in the lumber yard of Hayes & Morris, where he worked a year, first as a common laborer, and later as foreman.

His observing mind, in the meantime, noted that certain young men of his acquaintance were filling positions more desirable than the one he was in, and it was then ambition urged him to aspire to be something more than a lumber piler. With that purpose in view he employed a teacher to instruct him in the intricacies of book-keeping, and so closely did he apply himself to his task, that, after a few months, he was qualified to take a position at the books of another lumber firm, that of Shearer & Payne, for whom the well-known W. W. Strong was general manager. In this position he continued a number of years, and then resigned to accept a better position with Mason & McArthur, proprietors of the Excelsior Iron Works. While there he acquired much practical knowledge of the iron business; and as well, acquired an intelligent comprehension of



the methods employed in the safe conducting of a large business enterprise, in which he was almost equally chargeable, with the members of the firm, with the conduct of the business. This close relation with the members of the firm acquainted him with many of the leading business men of Chicago and the Northwest, whose confidence and esteem he possessed long before he went into business for himself. His employers, recognizing his business ability, and his strict loyalty to their interests, advanced him in every way, and ere long he had accumulated a snug little fortune, the savings from his liberal salary. His correct business and social habits, and his frugality and thrift, observed of all his acquaintances, were as good as cash capital in hand, as it commanded for him an almost unlimited line of credit when he came to arrange for a manufacturing establishment of his own.

In 1864 he formed an association with a Mr. Holden, and together they built the Phoenix foundry, at that time the largest in the city, which they profitably conducted for two years. In 1866 Mr. Johnson entered into a co-partnership with H. P. Kellogg, to carry on a wholesale and retail hardware business on Clark Street, near Monroe Street, where they were when the great fire of October, 1871, swept away the store. This inflicted a loss which considerably impaired their individual assets. As soon thereafter as possible, they established a similar establishment on Randolph Street, where a successful business was carried on until 1891, when the firm dissolved, and Mr. Johnson retired from merchandising. The success of his career in a business and financial sense may now be partly measured by his large property holdings.

Mr. Johnson now spends his time chiefly in planning and erecting building improvements on such vacant lots and blocks as remain in his possession unimproved. He has built up many entire blocks in business and flat buildings, and is still carrying on improvements. "I was a pioneer on this ground," he has been heard to say, "and I shall not desert it until every lot feels the weight of a good building."

Although Mr. Johnson's life has, almost since

his arrival in Chicago, been fraught with weighty and incessant business cares, he has, withal, been personally identified with many official positions of trust. As early as 1890, he became interested in politics and in that year took an active part in the local campaign for Mr. Lincoln. Unaided, he succeeded in raising in the settled portions of the West Side, enough young men to form a respectable company of "Wide-Awakes," the first company of the kind in the United States. The night of their initial appearance they marched down Lake Street, on which street the Honorable Joseph Medill then lived, in a small frame house, and gave him a rousing serenade. Mr. Medill evinced his appreciation of the honor by making a short speech to the boys, complimenting them with a donation of \$5 and a suggestion that they could partake of liquid refreshments at his expense at a nearby bar. That exciting campaign introduced Mr. Johnson into politics and he soon appeared in the councils of the Republican party, as a delegate to conventions and as committeeman. He very soon became the acknowledged leader of a very enthusiastic following, and in 1878, entirely without solicitation on his part, he was nominated for the State Senate and was triumphantly elected. He was well received by his associates in the Senate, and assigned to some of the important committees. He soon won an enviable reputation as a debater, and by his logic and eloquence secured the passage of every measure for which he became responsible, some of which were of great importance. The bill for registration of voters was his, and was passed and became the first law on the subject in this State. Of even more local importance was his park refunding bill for the West Side, whose passage he secured and which proved of immense benefit to the parks and people of that division of the city. Successful as he had been as a Senator, he was not a candidate for re-election.

In 1880 he received the nomination for county treasurer and was elected by a large majority. At the time of his election the tenure of that office was two years, but during his incumbency the legislature passed an act extending

the time to three years. He was appointed railroad commissioner by Governor Oglesby in 1884, and so satisfactorily did he discharge the duties of this somewhat difficult position that he received the warmest commendation of all parties. He also held the office of indian commissioner, having been appointed to that position by President Garfield.

Subsequent to Mr. Cleveland's inauguration, the commissioners were holding a session in Washington and, although Mr. Johnson believed the civil service law a good thing, he, at that time, was of the opinion that the new president should be allowed to choose his own indian commissioners and accordingly he offered a reso-

lution that the commissioners resign in a body. To this his colleagues demurred, but he acted upon his own convictions and tendered his resignation to the President, which was accepted.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being connected with Lafayette Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar. He was married May 21, 1862, to Miss Kate A. E., adopted daughter of Judge Nathan Allen. Three children have resulted from this union, namely: Catherine Grace, wife of H. L. Bleecker, of Los Angeles, California; Etta Alice, who died in 1898; and Mabel, wife of Dr. W. B. Marcusson, of Rush Medical College.

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## WILLIAM MARTIN.

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**W**ILLIAM MARTIN, deceased, was a man who, having been unusually successful in various business enterprises in Chicago, is missed by a large circle of friends and business associates. He was, moreover, a man of intense faith and interest in his fellow-men and made friends among all classes. He came of hardy Scotch lineage, having been born in Glasgow, May 9, 1860. His father, who also bore the name of William, spent his life in Scotland, where he was a building contractor. William, the elder, died while still in the prime of life, and his widow, Elizabeth Martin, emigrated to Canada about 1869, but a year later removed to Chicago.

There her son, William, then ten years of age, entered school; but owing to their limited means he was obliged to do something to aid in his support, and at the age of fourteen he became a telegraph messenger. By dint of hard study and the best use of his opportunities he was able in time to take a position as bookkeeper, and by rigid economy was able after a few years to go

into business for himself. For some time he bought and sold on the Board of Trade, but later built up a commission business. In all his ventures he was eminently successful and was soon known in business circles as a shrewd, safe, business man. He was from time to time engaged in other enterprises, being one of the founders of the race tracks at Garfield Park and Harlem.

May 7, 1884, Mr. Martin was married to Miss Jessie Murray, who was born in London, England, March 1, 1865. She is the daughter of Walter and Jean (Dallas) Murray. The former was born in Gorlow, Scotland, and the latter in London, England, of Scotch and English parentage. Walter and Jean Murray were the parents of ten children, five of whom are still living. The family crossed the Atlantic to Canada in 1868, and in 1869 settled in Chicago and established a boot and shoe business in Dearborn Street. Jessie Murray was but four years of age when she came to Chicago with her parents. She was educated in the common schools and has spent all her sub-



sequent years in the city. She is a woman of great business and executive ability, and possesses the wholesome genial nature of her English ancestors. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin was blessed by the birth of three children: Jessie, Aeolia and Wilhelmina. They also found a place in their home and hearts for two other children, William and Elsie, older than their own, whom they adopted.

Mr. Martin found his greatest happiness with

his wife and family and spent as much of his time as business cares would allow in his home, which is still the home of his family, at No. 540 Adams Street. There he will ever be remembered as a kind, indulgent, husband and father. Among his associates he was unassuming and never sought favors from the public. In politics he was a Republican. His death occurred March 1, 1898, and his remains were interred at Rose Hill Cemetery.

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## WILLIAM OHLENDORF.

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**W**ILLIAM OHLENDORF has been a resident of Chicago since 1849. He was born January 10, 1825, in Wulfelade, Hanover, Germany, and is a son of Henry and Sophia Ohlendorf, both natives of Hanover and members of old and highly respected families.

Henry Ohlendorf was a tiller of the soil by occupation, owning as well as operating his farm, and became possessed of considerable means. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ohlendorf were the parents of five sons and one daughter, and all became residents of the United States. Henry, the first-born, was a soldier in the German army and married in that country. He arrived in Chicago in 1849 and subsequently located at Freeport, Illinois, where he died about 1891, leaving a widow and a family. Frederick came to the United States in 1846, being the first of his father's family to emigrate; he settled in Missouri and still resides there.

William is next in order of birth. Louis is deceased; and Charles is living retired in Matteson, Cook County. Sophie became the wife of Charles Duensing, who resides at River Forest, with an office at the corner of Noble Street and Chicago Avenue. Frederick came to this country in 1845, and in 1848 returned to Germany

and brought the remaining members of the family with him to Cook County. The mother died in Addison Township less than a year after their arrival, and the father died some ten years later in Matteson, Cook County.

William Ohlendorf was fairly well educated in the parish schools of his native place, and reared on his father's farm. In the fall of 1846 he sailed from Hamburg on the "Marie Francisco," and, after a seven weeks' voyage, landed in New York City. He remained there until the spring of 1849, when he learned that his parents were in Cook County, and decided to come West. He came by river to Albany and by canal to Buffalo, thence by lakes on the steamer "Keystone State," landing here in May, 1849. He had been a waiter in New York, and after coming to Chicago obtained a position in the old City Hotel, on Lake Street. He was soon promoted to head waiter, and was with Brown & Tuttle when they went into the Sherman House as proprietors. At that time John R. Walsh, now a wealthy banker in Chicago, was bell boy under Mr. Ohlendorf.

In the fall of 1851 he went to New Orleans and worked in a large hotel during the winter, and from there started to Mexico with General Urajo, but owing to the breaking out of the Rev-



olution did not reach his destination. At the close of that strife General Urajo was appointed by Santa Anna, of Mexico, as Minister Plenipotentiary to Prussia, and Mr. Ohlendorf accompanied him as interpreter. He was with him one year in Mexico and one year in Prussia.

April 2, 1854, he was married in his native village to Miss Sophia Ohlendorf, and on the 1st of May started for Chicago with his bride. He arrived in that city duly, and began keeping a grocery at the corner of what is now Fifth Avenue and Polk Street, and continued in business at that location nine years. In 1862 he settled on a farm in Lake County, and for a period of six years tilled this portion of land. He then sold his property and returned to Chicago, entering into partnership with his brother Louis, and started a lumber business under the firm name of Ohlendorf Brothers. In 1871 ill health caused him to sell his interest to his brother. When he returned from the farm he settled on West Huron Street, corner of Armour Street, where he has since resided. In the fire of 1871 he lost three houses on Fifth Avenue. Having invested in

considerable property he has done some real-estate business since retiring from the lumber trade, as above mentioned, but has lived rather a quiet life. He has always voted independently in political affairs, endeavoring to always support the best man for public position, and has never had any political aspirations.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ohlendorf has been born a family consisting of six children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are: William C., a physician and druggist, at No. 647 Blue Island Avenue; Henry L., a pharmacist, at the corner of Evanston Avenue and Irving Park Boulevard; Alfred C., a traveling salesman; and Carrie, wife of W. Maack, of Chicago. The members of the family are connected with St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with which Mr. Ohlendorf has been prominently identified for years. He has always evinced an interest in matters arranged for the good of the public, and enjoys the respect of a large circle of friends. He has witnessed the marvelous growth of the city from a population of about ten thousand to its present importance as the metropolis of the West.

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## DANA SLADE.

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**D**ANA SLADE, a prominent citizen of Lawn-  
dale, and since 1864 engaged in the grain  
commission business in Chicago, was born  
March 21, 1826, in Alstead, Cheshire County,  
New Hampshire. He is a son of Samuel and  
Eunice (Angier) Slade, and his paternal grand-  
father, Samuel Slade, senior, was a native of  
Connecticut, a farmer by occupation and a soldier  
of the Revolution, who died in New Hampshire,  
at the age of ninety-nine years. His wife was  
Hannah Thompson, and they were of Puritan  
stock.

Samual Slade, junior, father of the man whose

name heads this article, was a native of New  
Hampshire. He followed the same occupation  
as his father, farming, and was a soldier of the  
War of 1812. He died in 1856, and his widow  
still survives him, aged ninety-nine years.

Dana Slade was reared on his father's farm un-  
til he was nineteen years of age, and was edu-  
cated in the common schools. In 1845 he went  
to Boston to learn the butcher's trade, and in  
1849 went overland to California, where he re-  
mained one year at gold mining. In 1850 he  
returned home by way of Panama and in 1851  
located at Detroit, Michigan, where he was en-

gaged in the grocery business four years. He then removed to Keokuk, Iowa, where he was engaged in the hotel business until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he returned to New Hampshire with his family. In 1864 he located in Chicago, where he has since been engaged in the grain commission business.

Mr. Slade was married in 1860, to Miss Eliza-

beth Wentworth, daughter of Noah and Sarah (Buckman) Geer, of New Hampshire. He is the father of three children: Dana, junior; May Sybil and Samuel. Mr. and Mrs. Slade are members of the Unitarian Church. Mr. Slade is a Royal Arch Mason. He is an independent Democrat, and his views are very positive and decided.

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## RICHARD B. JONES.

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**R**ICHARD BENJAMIN JONES, who is a natural and skilled machinist, was born May 1, 1850, in Chester, England, a son of Humphrey and Charlotte (Benjamin) Jones. His parents are of old and highly respected families, of English stock. Richard B. Jones is able to put in order, operate or successfully manage any kind of machinery. If he had taken to a professional life he would, undoubtedly, have made a success, as he has force of character and power of mind to follow out any ambition he may have. His talents are not confined to that of a machinist, but he can turn his hand and mind to many things.

Mr. Jones was the first of his father's family to emigrate from his native land, and reached New York August 3, 1864, arriving in Chicago twenty days later. He was one year in the box factory of David Goodwillie, located at the corner of Franklin and Ohio Streets. In 1865 he went to Memphis, Tennessee, where he took charge of the machinery in his uncle's sawmill. When this business closed he was made manager of the Nicholson Pavement Company, which held a contract for paving in Memphis, and occupied this position five months. He was seized with a slight attack of cholera, and, returning North,

entered the factory of Mr. Goodwillie again. He went in as helper, and after a short time was given charge of the machines. He was subsequently made foreman, which position he occupied two years, and was in the same employ until he reached the age of nineteen years. He then divided his time between Mr. Goodwillie and L. B. Walker, selling machinery for the latter, while at the same time he was employed in a new establishment of Mr. Goodwillie's, where he had charge of the machinery. He continued in the service of Mr. Walker until that gentleman sold out to E. C. Preble, and Mr. Jones continued with him.

In 1872 Mr. Jones formed a partnership with G. A. Russell, with a plant located at Harbor and Green Bay Avenues, in South Chicago. He was interested in the manufacture of boxes for packing purposes, while Mr. Russell attended to the making of sash and doors. This partnership continued until 1877, and at the same time Mr. Jones continued his business relation with Mr. Preble until 1878. He subsequently went to Dubuque, Iowa, in the interest of Ingram, Kennedy & Day, owners of a sawmill, who desired his aid in placing machinery and starting the same. After six months, however, he returned



to Chicago and to the employ of Mr. Preble. He was sent to Muscatine, Iowa, in the interest of the Musser Lumber Company, but on his return to the city went back to Mr. Preble and gave his attention more directly to the outside business of the firm.

At the death of Mr. Preble, in April, 1881, Mr. Jones conducted the business under the direction of the Probate Court until October, 1881. In November of the same year a corporation was organized, with Ransom Richards as president and Mr. Jones as superintendent, which position he has since filled with credit to himself and advantage to the firm. He has been in his present position eighteen years, proving his stability of character and power to please.

Mr. Jones was married, January 1, 1881, to Miss Frances Eleanor, daughter of Alpheus Mills. Three children were born to them: Ella Frances; Grace, who died at the age of four months; and Richard Low, who died at the same age. In November, 1887, Mr. Jones erected a residence at No. 6642 Lafayette Avenue. He has been through all the chairs in Excelsior Lodge No. 22, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Jones is a Republican, and has never sought public office of any kind. His father was born in Crewe, a suburb of Chester, England, and died in America in 1889, at the age of sixty-one years. He was a bricklayer, and was employed twenty-two years by the Walker & Parker Lead Company, of Chester. He came to the United States in June, 1872, and entered the service of Mortimoer & Tapper, at the Grand Pacific Hotel. He was later a stationary engineer several years. Until about 1884 he was employed by Mr. Preble and then retired. When he emigrated from his native land he brought his wife and five daughters, beside a cousin, Price Jones.

The father of Humphrey Jones was John Jones, who was a bricklayer, and lived in Chester, England. He came to America at an early date. He was occupied on furnaces in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and other localities, and was an expert at building furnaces. He married Sarah Low, and their children were: Humphrey, Llewellyn, Joseph, John, Myra, and one son

whose name is not recorded. Joseph came to America and died in Los Angeles, California; he was a contracting brick and stone mason.

Mrs. Humphrey Jones was born in Chester, England, and died in 1884, at the age of fifty-six years. She was married at the age of eighteen years, and her children are accounted for as follows: Richard B. is the man whose name heads this sketch; Mary Ellen married A. B. Bunting, a grocer, and resides on Langley Avenue; Sarah, who married William J. Willings, a grocer, resides on Fortieth Street; Elizabeth died at the age of seventeen years; Martha Ann, who married John Stroebel, a tiller of the soil, lives in Indiana; Emily married Charles Morrison, a farmer in New Hampshire; and Stanley Walker married Elizabeth Taylor. The last named is a grocer and resides at No. 255 Bowen Avenue.

Robert Benjamin, the maternal grandfather of R. B. Jones, raised horses for hunting and for teaming in the lead mines of England. He was born in the neighborhood of Birmingham. He reared hunters for the English nobility and country gentlemen, and was quite successful at this occupation. He married Sarah Lloyd, and their children were named: John, Elizabeth, Louisa, Charlotte, Edwin, Sophia, James and Harriet. John, the eldest, located in Massachusetts at an early date, and later removed to Hutchinson, Minnesota, to which place he traveled with the Hutchinson family in 1860. He was thus one of the pioneers of this section of Minnesota, where he was quite active prior to and after the Indian wars in the vicinity, and where his family still resides.

Chief Crow, the treacherous Indian, who was most active and prominent in the bloody massacre of the settlers, ate dinner with Mr. Benjamin only two hours before the slaughter began on the fatal day of the outbreak. This treachery was amply punished later, however, at Mankato, where Chief Crow was one of the culprits executed. All of Mr. Benjamin's improvements and personal effects were destroyed by the Indians. Mr. Benjamin married Elizabeth Gardiner, and they had seven children. Edwin Benjamin, the first of these, emigrated to the United States in



1858, locating in Boston. He came to Chicago in 1862, and later removed to Reed City, Michigan, where he died in the spring of 1898. He married Frances Albright, and had three children. Louisa Benjamin came over in 1873, having married Robert Jones, who was not a relative, in England. She returned to England in 1877, and her son, Price, came to America with the parents of the man whose name heads this sketch, as noted above.

Mr. Jones is a man of medium stature, endowed with personal strength and mental energy, which is a result largely of his highly nervous temperament. He is a man of action and moves with the times, sometimes, in fact, ahead of them. His talents have turned to the line of mechanics, as much from early environments as from choice. His domestic life is ideal, he being blessed with an agreeable and helpful companion and a talented and interesting child.

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## PINCUS HENOCK.

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**P**INCUS HENOCK. Fickle fortune seems to pursue some men, and flee from others who are seeking it. Though not smiled upon by this god to as great an extent as some of his old associates, Pincus Henoch is perhaps as happy as, and more contented than, those men who have a million to worry over and leave behind at their death, perhaps to be squandered by their heirs. He has been identified with the early growth of Chicago's commercial interests, and has been intimately associated with such kings of the dry goods world as the Mandel Brothers and the Farwells. While not extremely wealthy, Mr. Henoch has always been comfortably well off, and is now retired from active business life, preferring to watch the moves of other and younger men, especially those closely related to him.

Born June 12, 1839, he is a son of Solomon and Freda Henoch, who resided in the province of Posen, Prussia, Germany, at the time of his birth. His brother, Elkan, the first of the family to leave the land of his birth, came to America in 1846, and now resides at No. 128 Loomis Street, Chicago. Israel Henry was the next to emigrate to the United States, and came in 1848. His son, Henry, resides at No. 1049

North Halsted Street, at the present time. Maurice emigrated in 1852, and is a liquor dealer in La Porte, Indiana. Pincus was the next to seek his fortune in America; and Marcus, who joined his brother, Maurice, came in 1856. The mother of the family came to the United States in 1860, and died shortly after.

In his early youth Pincus Henoch was bound out, or placed in apprenticeship, to learn the trade of tailor. He did not like this business, however, and soon abandoned it. In August, 1854, he arrived in Salem, Indiana, where his brothers were conducting a store under the title of Elkan & Israel H. Henoch, clothiers. Pincus Henoch was clerk for his brothers four years, after which time they removed their place of business to St. Joseph, Michigan. Pincus Henoch was placed in charge, and shortly after, became proprietor and continued there until 1864. His brothers then having removed to Chicago, Israel H. in 1858, and Elkan in 1860, and having begun the manufacture of clothing, Pincus sold his business and came to Chicago. He took an interest in his brothers' business and the firm name now became Henoch Brothers. They were located at No. 25 Lake Street, and occupied four floors. The store was burned October 9, 1871,

at the time of the great conflagration, and everything belonging to the brothers was burned. Pincus Henoch then accepted a position with Shackman Brothers, in New York, in which city he resided one year. He subsequently opened a clothing store in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and was at this location fifteen months. For a short time he was at Princeton, Illinois, in the same business, and two years in Aurora, Illinois. He then removed to Sandwich, Illinois, and sold out his remaining stock. Returning to Chicago, he established a grocery business at the corner of Twenty-sixth Street and Armour Avenue, which he conducted two years. He entered the employ of Platt Brothers, in Dubuque, Iowa, and was an employe of this concern from 1881 to 1891. He then located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and had charge of the clothing store of Spicer, Bing & Company four years. At the end of this period he returned once more to Chicago and has since enjoyed a well-earned rest. Since 1894 he has resided at No. 5648 Dearborn Street, surrounded by pleasant and agreeable neighbors.

Mr. Henoch was fortunate in securing a pleasant, helpful companion, when he married Miss Pauline, daughter of Marcus and Yette (Brand) Hirsch, July 18, 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Henoch have been blessed with six children, all of whom have proved a blessing to their parents and a credit to the name they bear. Solomon, the oldest, was born in Chicago, February 25, 1869, and resides at No. 3554 Prairie Avenue. He is agent for a neckwear concern in the city. Freda, born in Chicago March 3, 1870, died here at the age of six months. Marcus, born in Chicago November 4, 1871, died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the age of twenty-one years. Selina, born in New York January 5, 1873, died at the age of six months. Harry, born October 18, 1875, in Aurora, Illinois, resides at the home of his parents, as does also Milton Levi, born January 11, 1878, in Sandwich, Illinois.

Pincus Henoch was made a Mason in Occidental Lodge, at St. Joseph, Michigan, and was admitted to Chicago Lodge, but is not active at present. He comes of a Hebrew family, and is a staunch and loyal Democrat.

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## FRANCIS M. JOHNSON.

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**F**RANCIS MORTIMER JOHNSON, who was born on Sunday, May 8, 1842, in Hickory Lane, Niles, Michigan, is one of the most valued and highly respected employes of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, having been in the employ of that company since 1865. His parents were Alfred Wells and Dezie (Howe) Johnson, and both came from very old families. The paternal grandfather was John Johnson, and the maternal grandfather of F. M. Johnson was Frederick Howe. Mr. Howe was a tiller of the soil and he

was born in Vermont. He settled in Syracuse, New York, subsequently, and later removed to Michigan, being one of the first settlers in Berrien County.

Mr. Howe traveled through the country with horse teams, there being no steam railway at that time. His children were named as follows: Alonzo, Dezie, Lucinda, Francis, Hezekiah, Adeline, Mary, Nancy, Charlotta, Charles and George. His wife's name was Polly Bliss before her marriage to Mr. Howe. Alfred W. Johnson was born June 26, 1810, in Burlington, Vermont. He



came to Michigan in 1831. He had learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, and erected a residence in Niles, Michigan, in Hickory Lane. All his children were born in this house. Mr. Johnson did a great deal of contracting in the vicinity of Niles, for building of residences and other erections. He was a Democrat as to political views and served in the legislature two years, about 1847-1849. He died June 9, 1889. His wife was born at Truxton, New York, Friday, May 5, 1815, and died October 18, 1896. Her children were nine in number: John Frederick was born Monday, December 17, 1838, and resides at No. 5140 Wabash Avenue; Richard Marian was born Wednesday, May 13, 1840, married Hattie L. Barker, at Chillicothe, Missouri, and now resides at No. 5140 Wabash Avenue, Chicago; Francis M. is the next in order of birth; Julia Estelle, born Saturday, March 9, 1844, married Henry T. Kimmell December 14, 1865. Her children are: George Alfred, born February 1, 1867, and Edna Estelle, born December 3, 1869; George Franklin, born Thursday, March 5, 1846, died August 5, 1893. He married Annie C. Cook, at Tiskilwa, Illinois, December 22, 1885; Oliver Howell, born February 12, 1848, died March 24, 1848; Helen Isabella, born Saturday, August 11, 1849, married John A. Montague October 6, 1873, and has one child, Charles M., born March 23, 1876. Her home is in Niles, Michigan, where her husband is a hardware dealer; Mary Frances, born Friday, November 3, 1853, married Orson McKay October 2, 1883. Mr. McKay is an employe of the Santa Fe Railroad Company and they reside at No. 4735 Evans Avenue; Charles Alfred, born Friday, February 8, 1856, was married at Marshall, Michigan, August 20, 1883, to Bertha Hopkins Perritt. He is the father of one child, Alfred Hopkins, born September 6, 1892. The family resides at Niles, Michigan, where C. A. Johnson is cashier at the First National Bank.

Francis Mortimer Johnson occupied himself at the same trade as his father until sixteen years of age. He enlisted in the army October 17, 1862, in Company E, Twelfth Michigan Regiment. He was sick a large part of the time and served

in the reserve corps at Columbus, Ohio, for eighteen months. He was in the battle of Shiloh and his regiment was the first one fired upon. He was also in battles along the Chickahominy River. November 3, 1865, he was mustered out of service. Mr. Johnson was taken prisoner at Bolivar, Tennessee, but was paroled. After the close of the Civil War Mr. Johnson located in Chicago and entered the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company and has since been occupied in the interest of that concern. He entered as clerk in the freight office and remained in that capacity eighteen years. He then took charge of the out freight house at Polk Street and Pacific Avenue and after eight years was transferred to the Englewood east bound freight, but at the end of four years this house was discontinued and he was returned to the Polk Street house, where he is at the present writing.

Mr. Johnson was married February 15, 1862, to Miss Marilla Alwilda Chipman, daughter of Holton and Lucy (Hopkins) Chipman. Mrs. Johnson's great-grandfather was born in England, and emigrating to America in 1840, located in Eugene, Indiana, later removing to Bristol, of that state, where he died in 1847, at the age of forty-nine years. Holton Chipman was born in Vermont, as was also his wife. She was married in Ohio and died January 24, 1893. She was born April 24, 1809. Her children were nine in number. Lucy Hopkins married Caleb Nash, of South Bend, Indiana, and their children are: Alice, Helen, Delia and Adell; Philenia Rosalie married Dr. J. N. Roe, of South Bend, and their children are: Lelia, Crestus and Lennie; Rachel Parthenia married John Brown, of Valparaiso, Indiana, and their children are: Blanch, William and Agnes; Cynthia Florilla married C. S. Payne, of Goshen, Indiana, and their children are: Lola, Hiram, Chauncey, Emma and Maggie; Austia Ianthie married Joseph F. Thomas, of Edwardsburg, Indiana, and their only child is Ella; Delia Alice married John Hudson, of Sacramento, California, and is now deceased; Cassius Holton married Wealthy Rouse, at Kendallville, Indiana, and their only child is Millie; Marilla Alwilda is the wife of the man whose name heads



this article, and was born November 17, 1843, at Eugene, Indiana; Milton Delmer resides at Rensselaer, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of two children, who have done credit to the rearing they received and to the family name, which has never known a tarnish. Frank Rollo was born December 2, 1862, in Harris Township, Elkhart County, Indiana. More extended notice of him appears elsewhere in this volume. Ernest Mortimer was born March 23, 1866, and has also space on another page of this volume.

Though never an office seeker, Mr. Johnson is interested very deeply in the welfare of the Democratic party, in whose interest he casts a vote at all favorable opportunities. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Johnson erected a residence at No. 5817 Wabash Avenue in the spring of 1882. This was the first house in the locality, and the nearest house to it at that time was on State Street. The family is one of the well-known and honored ones of the community, and each member is a credit to the neighborhood in which they reside.

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## WILLIAM GASTFIELD.

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**W**ILLIAM GASTFIELD, a very old and highly respected pioneer of Chicago, has resided continuously in Cook County since 1842 and, except a couple of years spent on a farm, has resided in Chicago. He was born in Hessen, Schomberg, Germany, January 9, 1828, the only son of Christian and Sophia (Wolf) Gastfield. The family, consisting of parents and son, sailed from Bremen Harbor in the summer of 1841, and after a tedious voyage in stormy weather and high seas, landed in New York fourteen weeks later.

They came to Buffalo by way of the river to Albany and thence by canal. Their destination was Chicago, as they had relatives in Cook County. Navigation on the lakes being closed they remained in Buffalo one winter and in the spring of 1842, came on to Chicago. Christian Gastfield was a mechanic, but being short of funds, was forced to find employment as a laborer. He died in Chicago a few years after his arrival, and his wife survived him until about 1850, when she, too, passed away.

William Gastfield was educated in the schools of his native place. After coming to Chicago he

was employed by Frank Sherman, first working in his brick yard for a short time, and then spent two years on his farm. He then served at apprenticeship of two years at the carpenter's trade, with Jesse Cutshaw. He worked for wages some years before he began building and contracting on his own account. He followed the last-mentioned business for several years and, in 1864, in company with Charles Joerndt, built a sash and door factory on the corner of Curtis and West Huron Streets and carried on a successful business until 1881, when he sold out. He continued building and contracting, and erected many factories and also extended his operations to Columbus, Ohio, and Pittsburgh and Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and Wheeling, West Virginia. He remained active in the business world until about the year 1894.

In 1848 he bought an acre of land on Chicago Avenue, when John Kuhl was the only settler on the prairie in that locality. He soon after built a small house, the second on the street, and located on his property and has ever since resided on it. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the city, and in 1863-4-5-6, was

Alderman for the Twelfth Ward. Formerly he supported the Republican party, but of late years has become more independent and usually acts with the Democratic party.

Mr. Gastfield is a member of the Mithra Lodge No. 410, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and Goethe Lodge No. 329, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Humboldt Encampment of the latter order. He has been married three times. January 3, 1847, he married Mary J. Cutshaw, by whom he had five children, only three of whom are now living, namely: Gertrude,

widow of Mr. Ungawiter; Charles, who is secretary of the North Side Land Company; and Martha, wife of Charles Hacker. The mother died March 24, 1860, and September 8, 1860, Mr. Gastfield married Dorothy Meyer. By this union there are four children living: Louis, Louise, Edward and Dora. The mother of this family died March 4, 1879. December 17, 1879, Mr. Gastfield again took unto himself a wife, the bride being Mary Swanson. They are members of St. Peter's Evangelical Church and support all that goes for the benefit of the people at large.

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## WILLIAM T. WELBOURN.

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**W**ILLIAM THOMAS WELBOURN, a prominent farmer and stock-dealer of Summit, was born June 18, 1860, in that village, his birthday being signalized by the nomination of Abraham Lincoln for president. His parents were William and Jane (Nicholson) Welbourn, natives of the town of Beverly, Yorkshire, England. His paternal grandparents were Thomas and Mary (Ward) Welbourn, of the same place.

Thomas Welbourn came to America in 1844, and located on Salt Creek, Lyons Township, Cook County, Illinois, and the next year brought his family over. Within a few years thereafter, he was fatally injured by a falling tree, which he felled. Eight of his children grew to maturity, namely: William, Robert, Thomas, George, John, Ann (now Mrs. Monroe Durfee), Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph Knight), and Margaret (Mrs. John Scofield). Four of the sons, Robert, John, George and Thomas, served as soldiers in the Civil War.

When William Welbourn, senior, first came to

Cook County he was employed as a laborer, wherever he could find a demand for his services. He subsequently engaged in contracting, and in 1860 became proprietor of the Summit House, at Summit, which hostelry he continued to conduct several years. He was also proprietor of the All-Nations Hotel in Chicago for a period of two and a-half years, and then returned to Summit and again kept the Summit House two years. He next engaged in farming, which industry continued to employ his time and energies until his death, in June, 1896, at the age of seventy-eight years. His children were four in number and one of these died in infancy. The others are John, Alfred and William, all except the last-named being now deceased. During the cholera epidemic of 1848 Mrs. Welbourn nursed many of its victims and buried, without any assistance, nine who succumbed to the dread power of this disease.

William T. Welbourn, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Lyons Township, and educated in its common schools. He began life as a



farmer, and by his industry and prudent management has made a flattering success of that calling. At one time he operated nine hundred acres of land, and since 1886, has been an extensive dealer in cattle and horses.

He was married December 4, 1883, to Miss Rosella M., youngest daughter of John and Matilda (Adams) Spear, prominent pioneers of Palos Township. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Welbourn, namely: Jennie, Rose,

Harriet (deceased), William, Cora, Frank and Olive. Mr. Welbourn and family are connected with the Roman Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Royal League. He has held the offices of treasurer, village trustee and school director several terms, and is among the most intelligent and progressive citizens of the community in which he resides. Politically he is a Republican, and for several years has been a delegate to the county conventions of his party.

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## SARGEANT TALBOT.

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**S**ARGEANT TALBOT, who is a self-made man in the strictest sense of the word, was born January 11, 1819, in the parish of Lorsen, Suffolk, England. His parents were Thomas and Hannah (Gritts) Talbot. His grandfather, Sargeant Talbot, was an English overseer. The maternal grandfather was also English, and came from London.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Talbot and their seven children emigrated from their native land in 1833, and located in Herkimer County, near Utica, New York. He later purchased a farm in Oneida County. He remained on a farm until his death, which occurred about the year 1876. He was born in Sussex, England, near the place where Sargeant, his son and the subject of this article, was also born. Mrs. Thomas Talbot died about 1875. Her children were: Eliza, Sargeant, William, Thomas, Marie, Sophia, Annie and Edward.

Sargeant Talbot received but scant education and remained on his father's farm until he was twenty years of age. He came to Chicago in the fall of 1842, and went into the employ of John Gage as teamster for a flour mill, which was lo-

cated on Van Buren Street, where the bridge now is. The mill burned in 1856. He remained thus employed until 1853, and then removed to California. After three months he returned and purchased a farm on the Des Plaines River, one mile south of East Wheeling. He owned two hundred acres and remained on this farm until 1873, when he sold and removed to Englewood. He has since that time been engaged in teaming, owning as many as thirteen teams of horses.

Being very successful, he was enabled, in 1892, to build a three story brick residence building at No. 6658 State Street. Mr. Talbot had resided in the old house on this site since 1882.

Mr. Talbot was married April 9, 1842, to Miss Marie Copsey, daughter of John and Mary (Talbot) Copsey. Mrs. Talbot was born in Suffolk, near Cambridge, England, November 3, 1824. She died July 19, 1898, mourned by many friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Talbot became the parents of seven children. Andrew Jackson, the eldest, was born January 11, 1844, and died April 9, 1846. Andrew Jackson, named for the United States president of that name, was born July 22, 1846, and resides at Arlington Heights,



Cook County, Illinois. Mary Adelaide was born March 26, 1848, married Charles C. Webster, a builder by occupation; they reside at No. 6448 Morgan Street, Chicago. Frances Adelaide, born February 3, 1853, died on the 18th of October, 1853.

Walter George, the next in order of birth of the children of Sargeant Talbot, was born November 3, 1854, and married Kate E. Smith, daughter of William Henry and Margaret Ann (Quackenbush) Smith, May 3, 1887. The children of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Talbot are: Clarence Arthur, born May 1, 1888; Robert Edwin, June 17, 1893; Norman Webster, March 26, 1895, and Alice Adelaide, October 31, 1897. William, the sixth child of S. Talbot, died at the age of two years, while Clarence died when seventeen years old, in October, 1881.

Mr. Talbot is a man of very mild manner, an

agreeable gentleman to converse with, and a man of much force of character. He is not demonstrative, but is governed by a quiet, but firm and persistent nature. Though never blessed with educational advantages of the best, he is, however, accomplished more than many men who have had the best opportunities. His fine property at No. 6658 State Street, is but one tangible proof of this fact. His son, Walter Talbot, resides with him at this number. All that could be bestowed by a loving son on a parent is showered on his father by Walter G. Talbot. This happy home suffered a terrible affliction when death separated the loving mother from those of this earth, in July, 1898. She was highly respected by all who knew her and revered beyond limit by her children. She had passed threescore and ten years at the time of her death.

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## LAURITZ PAULSEN.

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**L**AURITZ PAULSEN, who has been identified with the building interests of Chicago for many years, comes of that strong, aggressive Scandinavian stock which has played such an important part in the world's history. He was born in Denmark September 16, 1853, and in his native town received a common school education. At the age of fourteen years he was apprenticed to a carpenter and, for a period of five years, diligently applied himself to learning the trade. He continued to work as a carpenter in his home town until 1881. In that year he followed the tide of emigration which had been flowing strongly toward America several years, and journeyed to Cleveland, Ohio, where he

found work at his trade. Hearing of the greater opportunities for gaining wealth in Chicago, he went to that city the next year, and was employed twelve months by Palmer & Fuller, in Twenty-second Street.

Like all other men who have acquired fortunes from small beginnings, Mr. Paulsen had early adopted frugal, economical habits, and had always saved a portion of his earnings. He was, therefore, able to enter business on his own account and, having by his two years' residence in this country gained a knowledge of American methods of building, he resolved to apply his efforts in such a way that the profits should be his own. He therefore began buying lots, on

which he erected residences. These he sold at a fair profit, and the plan was not only advantageous to him, but also aided in building up the city and furnishing comfortable homes for many of its people. This business was continued until 1893, and resulted in the erection of about fifty houses. With part of the capital thus acquired, Mr. Paulsen opened a lumber yard in 1894 at No. 781 North Avenue. He carries in stock all kinds of lumber required by the builder, both for rough and finishing work. His long experience in superintending the work of building and also as a practical mechanic, render his judgment in the selection of materials as good as the best, and he is patronized by a large number of the first-class contractors in his section of the city. He is

the owner of the property where his yards and office are located, and also of a modern residence.

Though he came to this country comparatively poor, the subject of this notice soon became imbued with American ideas and has shown a fair share of that enterprise and energy for which his adopted country is noted the world over. Not only has he acquired a competence, but has become an honored and respected citizen of his section of the city, where his honesty and integrity are well known. In politics he shows that same independence of character which has marked his business life, but in national affairs he supports the principles of the Republican party. He was married in 1881 at Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Marie Lassen, a native of Denmark.

## JOHN O. WINDHEIM.

JOHN OTTO WINDHEIM, a pioneer of Chicago, was born in the village of Schottlingn, Hessen, Germany, December 19, 1836, and was reared on a farm in his native land until he reached the age of eighteen years. His parents were Henry and Dorothy Windheim. John Otto Windheim received a common school education, and aided in tilling the soil of his father's property until they emigrated from their native land, March 15, 1854.

Mr. Windheim sailed from Bremen, Germany, and after a voyage of five weeks and three days landed in New York. He travelled direct to Chicago, where his brother, H. C. Windheim, was residing, arriving in the latter part of the month of May. He had but scant means at that time, and began life in this country by driving a team for a brick maker. He spent one year at

the carpenter's trade and acted as clerk in a grocery store for his brother, two subsequent years. In January, 1860, he joined the fire department and was thus occupied eleven years.

He was connected with the U. P. Harris Company, and soon after the great fire of 1871 he resigned his position with the department, and since that time has been occupied with teaming and expressing. He cast his first presidential vote in favor of Abraham Lincoln, in 1860, and has since supported the Republican party, but never sought for nor held public office. He still retains his membership in the Firemen's Benevolent Association. In 1864 he married Sophia Tegtmeier, a daughter of John Frederick Tegtmeier, who was a native of the village of Grossendorf, Hessen, Germany, and who came to America in 1846. By that marriage Mr. Wind-

heim became the father of four children: John F., who died in childhood; John Christopher, who is captain of Truck 5, in the fire department; Sophia, wife of Philip Boller; and Rica, deceased. The mother died September 8, 1883. May 16, 1885, Mr. Windheim married Katharine Ellen, widow of John Philip Tegtmeier. She is a sister of the former Mrs. Windheim, and by her marriage with John P. Tegtmeier had six children: John Frederick, Edward Christopher, August and Henry, and two that died in childhood. The family of Mr. Windheim is connected with the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

John Frederick Tegtmeier, father of Mrs. Windheim, had six children, namely: Christopher; Dorothy, widow of Henry C. Windheim, who lives at No. 112 Canalport Avenue; Katharine E., Mrs. Windheim; Sophia (deceased) and Conrad. Mr. Tegtmeier was married to Dorothy

Meyerding, a native of the same place as himself, and all his children were born in the Fatherland. May 4, 1846, with his family and a number of young men and women, he came to America. They travelled to Bremen by team and consumed eight days in the journey. From that city they set sail for America and were seven weeks and three days on the ocean, landing in New York. They came by way of the Hudson River to Albany, and by canal boat to Buffalo, a tedious journey, occupying many days. From Buffalo they came by steamboat to Chicago, making the trip in five days, and arriving on the 18th of July, 1846.

Mr. Tegtmeier was an expert gardener and worked at that occupation many years. He died in Chicago in March, 1865, and his wife survived him until March 15, 1883, dying at the age of eighty-three years.

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## JOHN F. JOHNSON.

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JOHN FREDERICK JOHNSON, who was one of the first men connected with the Chicago City Railway Company, rose from a mere clerical position to the one of great responsibility which he now holds. He has succeeded through his own energies and merits this and much more. He was born December 17, 1838, in Niles, Michigan. For ancestry, see biography of F. M. Johnson, on another page of this volume.

Mr. Johnson was educated in Niles, Michigan, attending school until he reached the age of sixteen years. October 1, 1854, he obtained a position in the Michigan Central Railroad freight office, remaining until 1862. For a short time subsequently he was employed with John Berry,

and in 1863 he entered the freight office of the Michigan Southern Railroad Company, changing later to the service of the Merchants' Union Express Company until 1868, when he was employed by the American Express Company. December of the year 1869 he became clerk for the Chicago City Railway Company, and after seven years in that capacity was six years treasurer and secretary. Since 1881 he has been in the President's office as assistant auditor and fills the position to the complete satisfaction of all interested.

He has proven in all circumstances a competent, energetic and trustworthy man and has gained the admiration of all who have come in contact with his fresh, genial mind, whether in one surrounding or another.



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## HENRY B. LEWIS.

HENRY BYRON LEWIS, one of the early and most respected residents of that portion of Chicago known as Englewood, was born February 1, 1825, in Eaton, Madison County, New York. He is a descendant of Benjamin Lewis, President of the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut, and later a resident of Stratford, in the same Colony. The last-named married Hannah, daughter of Sergeant John Curtis, one of the original proprietors of the ancient town of Stratford. She was born February 16, 1654, and died October 21, 1728. Her husband passed away in Stratford about 1700.

Their third son, James Lewis, born in 1677, married Hannah, daughter of James Judson; she died January 20, 1766. Her eldest son, John Lewis, born December 20, 1703, married Sarah Sherman, on the 7th day of December, 1727. She was a daughter of Nathaniel Sherman. Judson Lewis, her seventh child, was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Col. Samuel Whiting. All these, except Benjamin Lewis, were born in Stratford.

Judson Lewis settled in Madison County, New York, about 1795, and died there. The hill in Stratford on which many of the Lewises lived is still called "Tory Hill," and it is conjectured that John, father of Judson Lewis, was a Tory Lieutenant, as he was styled Lieutenant Lewis. Col. Samuel Whiting was a soldier in both Colonial and Revolutionary wars. He advanced money to pay off his regiment, and was never reimbursed by the colony for this expenditure. Through Colonel Whiting, the subject of this notice is directly descended from Gov. William

Bradford, second Governor of Plymouth Colony, the line being as follows:

1, Gov. William Bradford; 2, Maj. William Bradford, Deputy Governor of Plymouth, and his wife, Alice Richards; 3, Alice, born Bradford, wife of Rev. William Adams; 4, Elizabeth, born Adams, wife of Rev. Samuel Whiting; 5, Col. Samuel Whiting and Elizabeth Judson, his wife; 6, Elizabeth Whiting, wife of Judson Lewis; 7, Isaac Lewis, son of Judson and Elizabeth Lewis; 8, Henry B. Lewis.

Isaac Lewis was born in Stratford, Connecticut, and when he was twelve years of age his parents removed to Madison County, New York. In his youth he learned the carpenter's trade, in which he became highly proficient. During our second war with England he efficiently served his country, attaining the rank of captain. He was thrice married. His first wife, Nancy Curtis, bore him two children: Lucetta, who married Palmer Hall, and Thompson C., both now deceased. His second wife, Lydia (Gates) Lewis, became the mother of five children: Lucy Ann, now Mrs. William Perry, of New York; Dwight M., deceased; Lucinda Cornelia, widow of Orason Chamberlain, who resides at Galesburg, Illinois; Henry B., whose name introduces this article; and Helen Maria, widow of Luther M. Kent, who lives in Englewood. The mother of this family died November 25, 1828. For his third wife, Isaac Lewis married Esther Card. Their children were Mary, who died at the home of H. B. Lewis in 1869; Anzellette and Alasco B. The last died in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1888.

Henry B. Lewis' education was limited to the



public schools, and a term of three months in the Morrisville Academy. His range of study, while limited to the few branches of learning taught in the public schools of sixty years ago, had the merit of thoroughness, as his studious habits made him highly proficient in the fundamental principles of an English education. His opportunities for acquiring further education were cut short when he was eighteen years of age, it becoming necessary then for him to enter upon some employment, with a view to establishing himself upon the threshold of his career, then just opening. The opportunity offering, he accepted a position with the *Utica Daily Gazette*, to learn the printing business.

Six months later he resigned his position to accept a clerkship in one of the mercantile establishments of Hamilton, New York, in which capacity he was employed one year, after which he conducted a store for his brother-in-law at Pratt's Hollow four years, acquiring a practical knowledge of correct business methods, to which, in a considerable measure, is due the success that has attended his efforts throughout his long and successful business career. In 1850 he engaged in the mercantile business for himself in Morrisville, New York, which he conducted four years, with fair success. He came to Chicago in March, 1855, and for one year thereafter filled a position with Williams & Avery, lumber dealers. The following year he entered into partnership with Walter Lull, to deal in lumber, with office on Canal Street, near Lake Street. In the fall of 1857 he disposed of his interest to his partner, with whom he remained and filled a clerical position until May 1, 1858. That year he established himself on Kinzie Street and engaged on his own account in handling a line of farming commodities, becoming at that time a member of the Board of Trade.

In 1860 he moved his place of business to South Water Street, at the corner of Franklin Street, where he was burned out in the fire of 1871, which caused him serious loss.

After settling up his business he turned his attention to real estate, loans and insurance, having laid out two subdivisions. In 1867 Mr. Lewis

purchased property in Englewood, upon which he located, being one of the first settlers in the place, which was then known as Junction Grove. Subsequently Mrs. Lewis suggested that the name be changed to Englewood, which was accordingly adopted. Mr. Lewis at once became active in promoting the material interests of the new suburb. He worked untiringly for its advancement, and his efforts aided in producing results which quickly converted an almost virgin prairie into a closely settled community.

However, it is to the cause of education in the city that he has given his best efforts and in recognition thereof one of the magnificent public schools of the town of Lake, now in the city, was given his honored name. For many years he was officially connected with the public schools, having served on the district board about ten years, and six years on the county board. For three years he was a member of the Hyde Park Board of town trustees.

It was largely due to Mr. Lewis' efforts that the County Normal School was established at Englewood. For two years he ceaselessly agitated the question. He carried the matter before the state legislature and induced that body to pass a law authorizing the directors of that school district to levy a tax to assist in securing the location of the school at Englewood. In other matters Mr. Lewis has been equally active. For three years he served on the board of directors of the First National Bank, and it was largely through his personal influence that Lyman J. Gage, present Secretary of the United States Treasury, became connected with that institution.

Mr. Lewis assisted in establishing the First Presbyterian Church of Englewood, whose house of worship was the first erected in that (then) suburb, and has contributed to the building fund of every religious society there. In religious faith he is a staunch Universalist, and he was a prime mover in founding the First Universalist Church of Englewood, with which he has ever since been connected, and to whose support he is always a liberal contributor. His political preference is for the principles of the Republican party, with which he has been affiliated since its organ-

ization. Mr. Lewis was married February 24, 1848, to Miss Nancy B. Haughton, of Eaton, Madison County, New York. Their union resulted in the birth of one daughter, Helen L., now the wife of William Withington Carter, who has borne her husband three children, namely: Alice, Lillian and Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis celebrated their golden wedding anniversary February 24, 1898, the

event being attended by more than two hundred of their relatives and intimate friends. It was an occasion that fittingly marked the fiftieth milestone reached in the journey of his happy wedded life. Although he has passed the scriptural allotment of time to man, he retains the freshness, the mental vigor of youth, and his long years of active labor have made but little inroad upon his rugged constitution.

## EDWARD OTTO.

**E**DWARD OTTO. Though foreign born, there are many German-American citizens who have aided in the re-building of the city of Chicago more than many native Americans. And it is true that many who emigrate to America are better acquainted with the country than some who have lived in the United States all their lives. Born September 20, 1833, in the city of Arolson, Waldeck, Germany, Edward Otto is loyal to the best interests of his adopted country, and is ready to take advantage of all the new ideas and inventions as well as to help further them in every possible manner. His parents were Frederick William and Minnie (Stroh) Otto, and both came of old and highly respected families.

Frederick W. Otto was the first of his father's family to make his way to America, and located in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He was a merchant in that city, and also at Centreville. He returned to his native land in 1873, not being taken with the outlook of life in America. His sisters, Carolina and Christina, came to America about 1848, and located at Sheboygan. Edward was the next to emigrate from his native land and came to America in 1854, his brother coming one year later.

Edward Otto reached New York November 26,

1854, and traveled directly to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, which city he reached in January, 1855. He learned the trade of piano-maker in his native land, but followed it here but a short time. He was employed in his brother's store, as clerk, two years. He subsequently spent some time in traveling and went first to Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1857, where he witnessed many ante-war fights. He there saw James Lane, or "Jimmie," as he was called, in his prime. He was occupied at general labor, and went to St. Louis in 1859, subsequently locating in New Orleans, and in May, 1861, returned to St. Louis. In May, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Second Missouri Home Guards Reserve Corps, and served three months. He was mustered out by General Fremont, and in August, 1861, enlisted in Company G, Second Missouri Volunteers. The regiment was mustered in the fall of 1862, after the battle of Corinth, having been in southern towns the balance of the time.

In the fall of 1862 Mr. Otto returned to Wisconsin and was in the service of his brother, Frederick, until the fall of 1863, when he located in Chicago. He purchased a grocery on Clark Street, near Harrison Street, with Henry Boehle as a partner; the latter shortly afterward sold out to Mr. Otto, who retained possession but one



year, subsequent to which time he became an employe in Stone's piano-factory on Clark Street. For a short time he was in the service of Kenower Brothers, and followed the trade of carpenter continuously from that time until he started the sash and door business in 1866, on Archer Avenue, near Twenty-second Street. His partner was Frederick Matthews, and the firm name became Otto & Matthews. The partnership continued until 1872, when he bought out his partner and conducted the business alone until the great panic, when business was so dull that he closed up his factory for a time.

In 1877 he opened again on Halsted and Twenty-fifth Streets, and after one year located at No. 3100 Halsted Street, with Frank Brehm for partner. He continued to operate the two establishments, the latter being a manufacturing venture. Mr. Otto was in partnership with Mr. Brehm five years, and sold his share in the factory to his partner in May, 1884. In the fall of that year he started in business at the corner of Wentworth Avenue and Forty-third Street, dealing in and manufacturing. He purchased a factory in 1886, at the corner of Halsted and Sixtieth Streets, and kept both places until 1893, since

which time he has lived retired. He erected buildings at Nos. 243 and 245 Forty-third Street, near Wentworth Avenue, and traded them for property at No. 7030 Rhodes Avenue, where he has since resided.

In April, 1863, Mr. Otto was married to Miss Elizabeth Arnold. Mrs. Otto was born December 3, 1840, in Germany. Her children are accounted for as follows: Minnie married Theodore F. Stoffregen, of whom further notice appears elsewhere in this volume. Johanna died at the age of two years. Edward is at home. Charles is the next in order of birth, also at home. Louisa is with her parents. Robert is the youngest living, three having died in infancy.

Mr. Otto is a Republican. He was instrumental in rebuilding the city after it was destroyed by the fire of 1871. He is a man of much experience in travel, and his desire for adventure led him into many dangerous places and positions. During the days of John Brown and James Lane, he was in Kansas and was in danger at one time of losing his life. Mr. Otto is the possessor of a most pleasant home on Rhodes Avenue, near Seventy-first Street, where he resides with his family.

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## CHARLES H. MENZEL.

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**C**HARLES H. MENZEL, who belongs to that noble and representative class of citizens known as self-made men, is one of the oldest men in his business on the Northwest Side of Chicago. He began on a very small scale, and it was through his own efforts and perseverance that he attained the place he now holds in the estimation of the people and the business world of our city. He comes of the sturdy and self-willed German nation, and has all the admirable traits and characteristics of his race. He was

born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, March 31, 1848. At the age of fifteen years he commenced a four years' apprenticeship to the tinsmith's trade, and at nineteen began to work as a journeyman.

In 1869 he began life in Chicago, having come to America in that year. He was employed by others about four years, and subsequently entered into business with George Strauss, establishing a hardware store. They continued on Milwaukee Avenue eight years and later removed to a situ-



ation nearer the center of the city. After one year Mr. Menzel erected a building at No. 468 West North Avenue, where he has since done a thriving and successful business.

Mr. Menzel deserves great credit from the fact that he started as a poor youth and has reached his present standing only through continued attention to his own interests, and his wealth is more appreciated by himself and family from this fact. He has erected a very fine and comfortable residence on Tripp Avenue, and possesses a summer home at Round Lake, Lake County, Illinois.

December 25, the day of great joy to the population of every Christian country, in the year 1874, Mr. Menzel was married to Miss Eliza

Petersen, a native of the same land as himself, who proved to be a very congenial and helpful companion. They became the parents of four daughters and one son, who were named as follows: Amale, Magdalena, Selma, Henrietta and Charles N.

Mr. Menzel is a well-known man in the vicinity where he resides and is highly respected and honored by all who are acquainted with him, in a business or personal manner. He favors the Republican party by voting for its candidates, and is a communicant of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, thereby aiding the religious as well as the business and social portion of the neighborhood. He is recognized as a man of conscientious motives and sound judgment.

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## BERNT MOE.

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**B**ERNT MOE, who deserves great credit for his substantial progress in a strange land, amidst strong competition, passed away at his home on Scott Street, Chicago, February 10, 1898. He was born May 30, 1845, in Throndhejm, Norway. He was educated in private schools of his native land, and came with his parents to America in 1861, being then sixteen years of age. They settled in Nioga, Illinois, where the elder Moe engaged in farming.

In 1862 the subject of this sketch came to Chicago in search of fortune. He entered the service of William Waters, of Hyde Park, as a boy of all work about his employer's premises. The latter was secretary of the land office of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and secured a position for the youth, in whom he took a keen interest, as office boy in his department. Young Moe was industrious and studious, and endeavored to qualify himself for usefulness to his employers. His fidelity and application

were soon rewarded by his appointment to a clerkship, for which he was fully prepared by previous study and observation. This connection was speedily broken off, by his enlistment as a soldier in defense of his adopted country.

He enlisted in January, 1865, as a member of Company I, Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry, and continued with the regiment until it was mustered out at the close of hostilities. His youth had prevented his earlier enlistment and, though he saw little active service in the field he showed his loyalty and courage in the most practical manner. At the time he entered the service, no one could tell how long the war would continue, and he cast his lot with his country's defenders, in hope of doing active duty.

On his return to civil life, he resumed his position as clerk in the offices of the railroad. He won rapid promotion, and continued to hold positions of trust and responsibility throughout the remainder of his life. He was advanced from

clerk to paymaster, which position he held eighteen years, but was forced by ill health to give it up. He was then given an easier occupation in the land office, as assistant land commissioner, where he was serving at the time of his demise.

It is easy to imagine the difficulties encountered by a youth in his position on arriving in America. He had first to master a strange language, and then to demonstrate his capability and integrity by hard work, and won a place in the confidence and respect of his superiors which continued to the end of his life.

Among the treasures preserved with just pride by his family are testimonials from prominent railroad officials, among whom may be mentioned President Stuyvesant Fish, of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and E. T. Jeffrey, President

of the Rio Grande Western. The latter said: "He is one of the most loyal, faithful and trusty men I ever came in contact with. It was his nature to be loyal and true, and impossible for him to be otherwise." Mr. Fish said: "His record with our company is one of which any man can be justly proud."

He was married July 6, 1869, in Chicago, to Miss Alphene Elefson. They were the parents of three daughters: Martha J., Bertha Olive and Laura Bernice. Mr. Moe was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, with which his family is also affiliated. On his removal from a useful career, before the close of his fifty-third year, his remains were deposited in Graceland Cemetery. His memory will long be cherished by a mourning circle of friends and by a deeply bereaved family.

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## GEORGE NEHER.

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GEORGE NEHER, for a period of forty years a resident of Lyons Township, and one of its most prominent farmers and dairymen, was born October 15, 1831, in Ham-bach, Hessen-Darmsdat, Germany, a son of Lorenz and Katherine (Neher) Neher. His paternal grandparents were Lorenz and Elizabeth (Dorn) Neher, farmer and wine-growers, and his parents were cousins.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his native place and educated in its common schools. He was made of the stuff out of which good American citizens are made, and was not contented with his lot at home, so resolved to remove to the free land across the sea, of whose opportunities he had heard. Soon after attaining his majority he set out, and landed in New York City June 5, 1853. Proceeding direct to Chicago, he reached this city on the thirteenth of the same

month. He remained here one year and then went to Michigan and was employed in the pineries for a period of four years. Being industrious and prudent in the care of his earnings, he was now prepared to make an investment on his own account.

October 11, 1858, he settled in Lyons, where his home has continued ever since, and where he has won a place for himself among the respected and prosperous residents. For six years he engaged in farming and dairying on the land now owned by Mrs. Katherine Neher, and then moved to Western Springs, where he remained a year, engaged in the construction of the embankments of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Western Springs and Highlands. He then purchased his present farm and immediately occupied it. His handsome residence was constructed in 1871. He is among the most pro-



gressive and successful farmers in the township, and the same sturdy character which brought him to America and established him in an independent position has made him a leader in the social, moral and material affairs of the community.

In 1859 he was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Lorenz and Agnes (Schuster) Mitsch, natives of Germany. Nineteen children were given to Mr. and Mrs. Neher, of whom only eight are now living, namely: George, Frank, Henry, Elizabeth (Mrs. Charles W. Fredericks), Anna (wife of Joseph W. Robb), John, Abbie and

Agnes. Mr. Neher and family are identified with the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Neher has always taken an active part in the direction of local political affairs, and has served twelve years as School Director of Lyons Village. He was Township Trustee three years, Postmaster at Lyons nine years, four years a member of the Village Board and two years its President. He supports the principles of the Republican party, but receives the votes of all classes of citizens when a candidate, thus proving his great popularity.

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## NICHOLAS SCHOENECK.

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**N**ICHOLAS SCHOENECK. If a residence of considerably over half a century and active identification with the upbuilding of a great and prosperous community make one a pioneer, then Nicholas Schoeneck is entitled to a conspicuous position among the thrifty and loyal German-Americans who "blazed the trail" into Cook County. He has been here since 1844, and during the past forty-five years has been an esteemed resident of the West Side. Instead of sitting idly by and watching that portion of the city grow as other men in his position might have done, he has materially assisted in its development.

Mr. Schoeneck was born in the village of Shadeken, near the city of Mainz, in Germany, January 17, 1830, and is a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Lies) Schoeneck. His father was a wine merchant and was a member of a very old and respected family. In 1844 the family, which then consisted of the parents and seven children, came to seek their fortunes in the New World, with its freedom of thought and action and bright prospects for those with willing hands. The other children were John, Jacob and

William, who have since died; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Weber, a biography of whom appears on another page of this volume; Philip, who now lives on a farm at Northfield, Cook County; and Christina, wife of John Eiszner, of Chicago. Nicholas was the fourth in order of birth.

In those days sailing vessels were the only means of trans-oceanic transportation and the trip from Antwerp to New York required thirty-three days. The family came direct to Cook County, where the father purchased a farm, which proved to be a profitable investment. The mother died on the farm in Northfield, December 17, 1875, aged seventy-five years, and the father's end came in Chicago, July 14, 1882, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-two years.

Nicholas Schoeneck was well educated in the public schools of Germany and increased his fund of knowledge after coming to this country. He worked on his father's farm until he was nearly twenty-one years old, when he came to Chicago and learned the trade of wagon-making with Henry Weber, in whose employ he remained forty-two years, most of the time as foreman of



his shop. In all that period he lost only eighteen weeks, when he had been disabled by an accident.

In national affairs he has usually supported the Republican party, but in local politics he is independent. He is a member of Germania Lodge No. 182, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; has been a member of Harmonia Lodge No. 221, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, over forty years, and of Germania Encampment, No. 40, same order, nearly as long.

October 6, 1855, Mr. Schoeneck was married to Miss Sarah, daughter of Philip Wohlheter, who was born April 19, 1838, in Alsace, which then belonged to France. They have eight children living, and have lost five, the oldest son, William, having died in 1898. Those living are: George, who is in the employ of the United States Express Company; Henry, who is manager of Kirk's soap factory; Louis, also employed by the United States Express Company; Charles, who is bookkeeper at Kirk's soap factory; Edward, employed in the American Exchange National Bank; Louise, wife of Joseph Noll; Carrie, wife of Henry Repenning; and Emma, now Mrs. Francis Foscett. All are residents of Chicago.

Mr. Schoeneck was brought up in the Lutheran Church and the members of his family adhere to the same faith. He was one of the promoters in

the organization of St. Peter's Evangelical Church, about 1861, for which he purchased the site from an Indiana farmer. He solicited subscriptions, and was himself a generous contributor to the building fund. He was made a member of the building committee after the congregation was organized, and was superintendent of the Sunday School ten years. Ever since then he has continued to manifest a deep interest in the church and parish school, and has given both his financial support.

When Mr. and Mrs. Schoeneck located where they still reside, at No. 412 West Chicago Avenue, in 1855, there were but few settlers west of the river. That now densely populated portion of the city was then mostly open prairie, and the few scattering settlers were engaged in growing vegetables. They have borne their share in bringing about the wonderful transformation that has resulted in the Chicago of to-day, and are still in the enjoyment of good health, and relate with much interest many incidents of the time when the city was in swaddling clothes.

In 1892 Mr. Schoeneck was awarded a handsome gold medal by the German Old Settlers Society, for having served one employer longer than any other person present. He is a loyal citizen, of correct habits, who has always given his influence to every measure for promoting the best interests of society.

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## CHARLES H. SMITH.

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**C**HARLES H. SMITH, a resident of Lyons Village for twenty-five years and justice of the peace for the past eleven years, was born in Chicago, April 19, 1866, a son of Charles and Mary (Knief) Smith. He is of German ancestry, having all the sturdiness of muscle and character which, as a rule, is found in that race.

His father took an active part in the Revolution of 1848, in Germany, and left his native country after it was over. He located in New York, and was very prominent as a contractor in the building of the Erie canal. Prior to the year 1857 he settled in Cicero Township, where he was foreman of a stone quarry, at what is now

Hawthorne, until 1864. He was a resident of Lyons from 1872 until the date of his death, January 26, 1896.

From 1867 to 1892 Charles Smith, senior, was a trusted and honored employe of Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Company, one of the largest hardware houses in Chicago and the West, as general salesman, with full charge of city trade. He acted in this capacity twenty-five years. His wife was a daughter of Henry and Sophia (Sandmeyer) Knieff, both natives of Germany, and pioneers of Cicero Township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of thirteen children, of whom seven survive: Charles H., Frank P., Katharine S., Mrs. E. C. Becker, George A., William A. and Oscar H.

Charles H. Smith, whose name heads this article, has resided in Lyons since his ninth birthday, being educated in the public schools, with a two-years' course in sciences, and receiving a diploma from a course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College in 1882. His business career began when he was eighteen years of age, in 1884, as proprietor of a general store in Lyons, which he continued until 1891. He subsequently became a bookkeeper for the Steele-Wedeles Company of Chicago. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, in which he is influential. He was nine years clerk of Lyons Village, served three years as school trustee, and is now a village trustee. He is a supporter of the principles of the Democratic party.

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## JOHN P. HANSON.

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JOHN P. HANSON, the well-known cigar manufacturer of Chicago, was born March 22, 1843, in nor Tönnder, Schleswig, Denmark. His education was such as the common schools of his locality afforded, and he remained in the vicinity of his birthplace until he reached his majority. In 1864 he resolved to seek his fortune in America, and following the footsteps of many of his countrymen, emigrated to Wisconsin, settling in Racine. Thence he wandered West and was employed by the Government in the building of Fort Lyons, Colorado. In 1867 he came to Chicago, where he worked as a mason until 1869. During that year he suffered from a disease which affected the bone of his left ankle and was obliged to undergo an amputation.

This misfortune disabled him for continuing the work in which he had been engaged and, after due consideration he apprenticed himself to learn the trade of a cigarmaker, with Mr. Burckhart, at what was then No. 33 Milwaukee

Avenue. He worked faithfully to learn the business until October 4, 1872, when he had made sufficient progress to open a factory of his own. This he did, at what is now No. 361 Milwaukee Avenue. His business prospered, showing that he had made good use of his apprenticeship, and in 1879 he was able to build a factory and residence at No. 351, in the same street. In this building he has since continued his business, and has aimed to have the model cigar factory of Chicago. In fact it was so pronounced by three experts who were visiting this country from Germany. His output has greatly increased as his product gained reputation and, as early as 1883 he manufactured and sold four million cigars. He employs from sixty to seventy-five hands, and has two men on the road disposing of the product.

Mr. Hanson has invested his savings to good advantage in various business enterprises. He was one of the organizers of the American



Varnish Company, and still owns stock in that concern, which is in a prosperous condition, having in 1897 transacted business amounting to \$280,000. He was also a promoter of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, is one of its largest stockholders and on its board of directors. Among the other concerns in which he has stock might be mentioned the North Side Street Railroad, the National Biscuit Company and the Chicago Heights Land Company.

He has always taken a lively interest in the affairs affecting the city, and especially the portion in which his home is located. Mr. Hanson has always been a very industrious man, and this, coupled with the most rigid economy in the beginning, accounts for his success in life. While still an apprentice, he was able to accumulate three hundred dollars, and during the first three months of his business career he doubled his investment three times. During the first six years

that he conducted business for himself he worked almost night and day, allowing himself no more rest than nature absolutely demanded.

In 1868 the subject of this notice was married to Miss Kittie Rasmussen, the ceremony taking place at Racine, Wisconsin. Their union has been blessed with twelve children, six of whom are living, namely: Anna, who is her father's bookkeeper; Freda, residing at home; Rudolph, a salesman for his father's factory; Carrie, a teacher in the public schools; Jennie, who graduated in 1898 from the Wicker Park School, having the highest standing of any pupil in her class; and Robert, who is still attending school. Since 1889 the family has resided at No. 24 Ewing Place, in the elegant modern residence which the father built in that year. Mr. Hanson has been an honored member of the Knights of Pythias since 1873. In politics he is a Republican.

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## AUGUST C. F. KOCH.

**A**UGUST CHARLES FREDERICK KOCH, who has been identified with the city of Chicago since November, 1867, the date of his arrival, is a stone and brick mason by trade. He was occupied at his trade in the city since that time until 1897, when he retired from active labor. He has been economical, and besides saving his earnings, he carefully invested them in property which brought returns, and now enjoys a handsome competence. When he first arrived in Chicago he settled at No. 273 West Chicago Avenue, and purchased property in 1870, which he still possesses. In 1887 he bought his present beautiful home located at No. 583 North Hoyne Avenue.

In national matters he has supported the Republican party, but in local affairs has acted in-

dependently. He is a member of the Stonemasons' and Bricklayers' Union, having been with this organization many years. Mr. Koch was born in Traptaw, Prussia, May 10, 1842, a son of Christoph and Christina Koch, both of whom died in the Fatherland, the former at the age of ninety-seven and the latter at ninety years of age. He attended the parish school of his native village until he had reached the age of fourteen years, when he was confirmed in the church.

After leaving school he served a three-years' apprenticeship at the mason's trade, at which he worked until he was twenty years old, when he entered the German army in Koenig Grenadier Regiment No. 2, and served a little over three years, during the Austro-German War. He



took part in a number of engagements, notably that of Koenig Kratz, but was never wounded. After leaving the army he resumed work at his trade until he emigrated.

October 4, 1867, Mr. Koch married Miss Marie Gauchaw, a native of the same place as himself, and born April 16, 1848. October 19, 1867, Mr. and Mrs. Koch took passage on the steamer "Cimbria," at Hamburg, bound for America, and fourteen days later landed at New York. They came directly to Chicago, where Mr. Koch had two brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Koch have three sons and one daughter, namely: Herman, a mason by trade; Alma, wife of Max Schultz; Robert, a druggist, who graduated from the Northwestern University

as a pharmacist; and August, a cutter of cloaks in the employ of Seigel Brothers, a wholesale concern. The family is not affiliated with any church, but the parents were reared in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church which Mr. Koch's family attend and assist in supporting.

Mr. Koch was a poor man when he arrived in America, having only his trade to sustain him, but he possessed industry, the characteristic of the German-American citizen, and by patience and perseverance, assisted by his estimable wife, steadily made his way upward to his present position of affluence. He is a loyal citizen and always uses his influence for the advancement of every worthy cause, and feels a just pride in the country of his adoption.

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## JOSEPH G. WILLIAMSON.

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JOSEPH GOLDEN WILLIAMSON, a prominent physician of La Grange, was born March 7, 1839, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a son of John N. A. Williamson, and is a descendant in the seventh generation of William Williamson, who sailed from Amsterdam, Holland, in the ship "Concord," in 1657, and settled in Gravesend, Long Island, where his name is found on the assessor's roll of 1683. His wife was Mayke Peterse Wycoff.

Nicholas Williamson, the great-grandfather of Joseph G. Williamson, was born October 8, 1762, and died August 8, 1856. He was a son of Garrett and Charity (Bennett) Williamson. He was a tiller of the soil and a store-keeper at Neshanic, New Jersey, and a minute-man during the Revolutionary War. He was under fire from the British ships at Raritan Bay. His wife was Alche Ditmars. Garrett Williamson was born at Gravesend, Long Island, March 15, 1728, and died at Neshanic, New Jersey, January 17, 1790.

He was a son of Nicholas and Lucresey (Voorhees) Williamson. Nicholas Williamson was born in Gravesend, New York, in 1680, a son of William Williamson, the first ancestor in America, and was an agriculturist.

The paternal grandfather of the subject of this article, Douw Ditmars Williamson, was born at Neshanic, New Jersey, January 4, 1789. He was a militiaman in the war of 1812, and was stationed at what is now Jersey City. He was comptroller of New York City under several administrations, and for many years, until near the time of his death, president of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company of New York City. He was also an elder of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, and died in Brooklyn, New York, August 4, 1869. His wife, Mary Ann, was the daughter of Capt. David and Jane (Hassert) Abeel.

John N. A. Williamson, father of J. G. Williamson, was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, February 13, 1814. He began his busi-

ness career as a stationer in New York City, in which he continued until burned out by the great fire of 1836, when he removed West. He was subsequently farmer, pharmacist and assistant railroad receiver, and died at Lafayette, Indiana, August 21, 1887. His maternal grandfather, Capt. David Abeel, born January 13, 1763, died October 1, 1840. He was of the fifth generation from Christopher Janse Abeel, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1621, who settled in Beaverwick (now Albany), New York, in 1657. Capt. David was a son of Col. James Abeel, a quarter-master on General Washington's staff, and his wife was Gertrude Neilson. Col. James Abeel was born in Albany, New York, May 12, 1733, and died in New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 25, 1825. He was a son of David and Mary (Duyckink) Abeel. The founder of the family in America, Johann Abeel, was a merchant and mayor of Albany, 1684-85, and a member of assembly from 1701 to 1709.

Joseph G. Williamson was reared in Bound Brook, New Jersey, remaining there until sixteen years of age, when he removed to Illinois with his parents. He was educated in the common schools and under private tutors and began the study of medicine in 1861, at New Albany, Indiana, and during the Civil War assisted his preceptor in the Military Hospital practice at that place. For many years he was engaged in railroading and for a number of years was a ticket

agent for the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad Company at New Albany, and receiver at that point, later spending two years in railroad service in Minnesota.

In 1871 he located in Chicago and engaged in real estate business, more or less, until 1879, when he entered the Bennett College of Medicine and Surgery, and was graduated in 1882. He was a resident of Hyde Park from 1871 to 1878, and for many years lived at Hinsdale, where he was actively engaged in his profession, with office also in Chicago. Since 1894 he has resided in La Grange. Dr. Williamson was married April 15, 1865, to Charity A., daughter of John Norman, of Caldwell, New York, who bore him ten children: Katharine T., Ida R., Mary, Minnie (deceased), Jessie, Dow D. (deceased), Norman E., Joseph G. (deceased), Bertha B. and Jennie J.

The laboratory of Dr. Williamson is an interesting one. A maze of static and galvanic electrical apparatus, and an X-Ray machine of the latest type, are supplemented by a most complete collection of surgical devices and a fully equipped and extensive pharmacy. With the aid of an immense library he keeps abreast of the advance in medicine and surgical methods. He is a prominent Knight Templar and has taken the thirty-second degree of Free Masonry. He is a true independent in politics, not favoring either party, but voting upon principle at all times.

## JOHN L. FEDDERSEN.

JOHN LUDOLPH FEDDERSEN, one of Chicago's self-made business men, affords a notable example of what pluck and perseverance will accomplish in all the affairs of life. He was born November 25, 1853, in the kingdom of Denmark, and is the third child of Andrew L.

Feddersen, who died when his son was but five years of age. The latter remained in his native town until he reached the age of fifteen years, getting his education in the schools of Avenstoft.

Having inherited that love of the sea which made his Norse forefathers rulers of the deep, he



secured a position as cabin boy on a sea-going vessel at the age of fifteen years. His first trip was from Hamburg to the West Indies; the journey occupying six months. The next trip was to Rio Janeiro, which also consumed six months. He then started for China and, six months later, after arriving at Hong Kong, he was made a full sailor. He remained there three years trading on the coast of China. Subsequently he was promoted to second mate of a Norwegian ship, and in that position followed the sea about three years. His last cruise was from Hamburg to Philadelphia, and he landed in the latter city in 1875. He worked on a farm in Pennsylvania two months, receiving twenty-five dollars per month, and then started for Chicago, which was the goal towards which many of the emigrants journeyed. He arrived in that city in July, 1875, and, taking whatever work was offered, was employed about two months in a brick yard. He then worked for the same employer on a farm, and in the winter returned to the city, where he found work of various kinds in the Union Stock Yards. He then went to Lake View and hired himself to a gardener, with whom he remained a year.

In 1877 he married and, during the hard times incident to that year, found it hard to make both

ends meet, but he persevered, establishing in that year a wholesale fish business. This was the first effort at doing business on his own account, and though at first he had many discouragements, his trade gradually increased, and in the course of two years his reputation as an honest dealer drew to him a lucrative patronage. Three years after his opening the fish market he added oysters to his stock, and has built up a large trade in both lines. He has been ruled throughout his business career by the same careful methods which made it possible for him to build up a successful business, and has acquired a comfortable property. Besides the house at No. 22 Potomac Avenue, where he lives, he also owns a two-story flat building at No. 14 Mormon Street, which is rented.

Mrs. Feddersen, whose maiden name was Anna Christensen, was born in Denmark and came to America at the age of twenty-seven years. To Mr. and Mrs. Feddersen have been born five children, namely: Louis, who is married and in business in Chicago; Christina, living at home; Andrew, who assists his father; and Jens and Ludolph, both residing at home. The subject of this notice is a member of Wicker Park Lodge No. 281, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has received all the honors which the subordinate lodge can confer. Politically he is a Republican.

## P. CHR. B. PETERSEN.

**P**CHR. BRÖNNUM PETERSEN, L. D. S., has become, entirely through his own efforts, one of the prominent and respected business men of the portion of Chicago where he is located, and has obtained success in many ways. He has made a name for himself among the residents of the Northwest Side and has secured the confidence of his patrons. He comes of a foreign country, having been born in Copen-

hagen, Denmark, May 13, 1865. He was the oldest of a family of two sons and one daughter and was educated in Kristensen's Borger og Realskole. He was graduated at the age of fourteen years and was then apprenticed to H. P. E. Nilsen, Colonialvare Forretning.

After serving as apprentice two years with Mr. Nilsen, who was located at the corner of Gl. Kongevej and Bianco Lunos Allee, he changed to



the employ of Carl Dehnfeldt, in the same business as Mr. Nilsen. He finished his apprenticeship in three years at the location of the corner of Lille Kongensgade and Halmstræde. He subsequently entered the service of C. W. Obel, wholesale tobacco dealer, at Udsalg in Frederiksberg-gade, and was occupied one year as shipping clerk.

November 5, 1885, he left Copenhagen for Liverpool, England, and two days later embarked for America on the ship "British King" of the American line, arriving in Philadelphia a short time after, on November 23. He proceeded to Chicago, reaching his destination November 25. Three weeks later he began as clerk in the service of Christian Rasmussen, editor of a Danish paper. In 1891 he decided to study dentistry and entered the Northwestern College of Dental Surgery, and two years later passed an examination of the State Board. He opened an office for business at No. 1751 Milwaukee Avenue, then corner Hoffman Avenue, now Rockwell, and is now at No. 1730 on the same corner, where he has been located five years. He has been very successful and has realized many of the hopes and

ambitions which prompted him to establish himself in the business world of the metropolis of the West.

Mr. Petersen is also connected with the social world of the country of his adoption and is a member of Denmark Lodge No. 112, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor, besides which he is identified with the Rathbone Sisters and is connected with Fullerton Council, Knights and Ladies of Security. He belongs to Ivanhoe Company, Uniform Rank, in the Knights of Pythias, of which he is treasurer.

He is a self-made man in every sense of the word, and deserves credit for the fact that he showed the courage to enter a new, and to him, wholly unknown country, without much knowledge of its people or characteristics, and without friends. He has a fine practice that has been steadily increasing. He took out his naturalization paper in the Superior Court in December, 1893, and while he honors his mother country he is loyal to his adopted country, never forgetting that we owe our first allegiance to the country in which we make our home.

## CARL JOERNDT.

**C**ARL JOERNDT, who was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, December 24, 1826, is a son of Christian and Marie (Lemno) Joerndt. His parents had a family of six sons and two daughters, namely: Mary, who married William Koen, and died many years ago; Carl is the next in order of birth; William, of California; Theodore, deceased; August, of Pontiac, Illinois; George, a resident of Seattle, Washington; Frederick, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and a daughter that died in infancy. The family came to America in 1853, and located in Chicago, where both parents died.

Carl Joerndt learned the cabinet-maker's trade, at which he worked two years after coming to Chicago. He then engaged in carpenter work and labored as journeyman a few years. In 1865 he embarked in business for himself, and formed a co-partnership with William Gastfield. They built a planing mill at the corner of Curtis and May Streets, and carried on the manufacture of sash, blinds and doors fifteen years, when Mr. Joerndt sold his interest in the factory and turned his attention to contracting and building. He continued in this business until 1894, since which time he has retired from active business.

For forty years he has resided on Chicago Avenue, and is still located at the same house. He has led an industrious and honest life, as a citizen of the city of Chicago, and has achieved success through honest methods. He has supported the Republican party ever since he became a citizen of the United States, but never craved public office of any kind. He is a member of Goethe Lodge No. 239, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Just previous to his emigration from the Fatherland, in 1853, he married Miss Henrietta Brungraver, who was born in Schwerin. They have had ten children, but four died in childhood. The

living are: Emma, wife of Andrew Gagel, of Rogers Park; Ida, now Mrs. George Ertz; William, Albert, Hulda and Etta. Mr. and Mrs. Joerndt are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and are influential for the cause of right.

William Joerndt married Mrs. Mary Pottel, widow of Harry Pottel, and is employed in the *Chronicle* office, having charge of the linotype machines. They have three children: Harriet, Wilbur and an unnamed infant, and Mrs. Joerndt has a son by her first marriage, named Harry Pottel. Albert Joerndt married Miss Katherine Le Feber and is a letter carrier. They have two children: Meryl and Gladys.

## CHARLES H. DUENSING.

**C**HARLES HENRY DUENSING. The elements essential to make men of mark in the world are as varied as the individuals who make up the sum total of humanity. An immortal poet has said, "Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them." It is men of the second class, as spoken of by the most renowned of bards, who fill the greatest needs in the affairs of life.

Charles H. Duensing, with whom this sketch has to do, was of humble birth, and of poor but respectable parentage. His birth occurred in the village of Mariensee, province of Hanover, Germany, September 5, 1829. His parents were Henry and Caroline Duensing, both of whom died in Germany. Of their five children who grew to maturity, three became residents of the United States, namely: Charles H., Henry and Henrietta.

The boyhood of Charles H. Duensing was passed in his native land, the common schools affording him the means whereby to obtain a practical elementary education. As a boy he was sturdy, practical and resolute, possessing

many of those dominant characteristics of the German race which have won success wherever the forces of German mind and heart have, with fixedness of purpose, taken hold of the affairs of life.

He learned the trade of wood turner with his father and at the age of twenty years developed into man's estate. Realizing the narrowness of opportunities surrounding him in his native land, and longing for a field of wider environment, he decided to seek his fortune in America. In April, 1848, he carried into effect his resolution, took passage in a sailing vessel at Bremen Harbor, and after a long and uneventful voyage of forty-five days landed in New York.

He came directly to Chicago, by way of the Hudson River and Erie Canal to Buffalo, and the steamer "Empire" up the lakes, arriving in June. For two years after his arrival in Cook County he worked on a farm in Barrington Township for Philip N. Gould. He then became clerk in the hardware store of Thomas George, remaining one year, after which he worked a year in a mill in Kane County. Ambitious to



succeed and desirous of improving his financial condition, he went to Will County and engaged in retailing merchandise. He also kept a toll gate on Milwaukee Avenue three years. His next business venture was keeping a hotel on Milwaukee Avenue, near Carpenter Street, and after two years he engaged in the commission business for a few years.

In 1868 he began doing an insurance business, to which he has given his attention, practically, for the past thirty years, combining with it real estate and loans. Previous to the last mentioned date he invested a part of his savings in real estate, on the corner of West Chicago Avenue and Noble Street, where he built and made his home until 1892, when he removed to River Forest.

Mr. Duensing has won success in his long and varied career, and accumulated a valuable property. He has ever been mindful of his duties as a citizen, and has found time to aid in promoting the best interests of his home city and

his adopted country. Since casting his vote for John C. Fremont, in 1856, he has supported the men and measures of the Republican party. In 1865 he was elected supervisor of his ward and filled the office creditably one term, but has never sought nor cared for political honors.

January 13, 1853, Mr. Duensing was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Ohlendorf, whose family history will be found in the article on the life of William Ohlendorf, on another page of this work. To this worthy couple have been born ten children, namely: Mary, wife of Henry Linnemeyer, of Chicago; Edwin H., who is with Mandel Brothers; Malinda, deceased; Elmer C., who is interested with his father; Lorina, now Mrs. Hugo Meyers, of Chicago; Alwina; Henrietta, wife of William C. Nelson; Anna, wife of William C. Noland; Otilie, Mrs. George H. Puchner, of Oak Park; and Elsa. Mr. Duensing and family belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church and enjoy the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends.

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## WILLIAM DUXSON.

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**W**ILLIAM DUXSON, who comes of the well-known family of the neighborhood where he resides, has lived in Chicago since he was a mere boy, and resides in the home built by his father when there were but few other houses in the vicinity. For ancestry refer to biography of Ben Duxson.

Born January 10, 1866, in Cambridgeshire, England, he is a son of James and Jane (West) Duxson. William Duxson was occupied with his father in the teaming business until he had reached the age of twenty years, at which time he entered the service of the Brownell Improvement Company, and has been with this concern, in various capacities, since that time. He married a very worthy and refined lady, Mary Duggan, sister of the woman who became the wife of his brother, Ben. Mrs. Duxson is a daughter of

Thomas and Catherine Elizabeth (Calan) Duggan, and was born March 1, 1868, at the same house where her sister first opened her eyes to the world, situated at the corner of Sixty-fifth and State Streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Duxson became the parents of one son, William Arthur, who was born June 9, 1891. Mr. Duxson is a member of the Sons of St. George, Lodge No. 410. He comes of a Protestant family and, like Ben Duxson, is loyal to the Democratic party. He possesses a helpmate who aids in making the home pleasant, and a harmony exists which cannot be rivalled. Mr. and Mrs. Duxson take pride in the correct rearing of their only son, who will prove a blessing to them and an honor to the worthy name he bears. The family has always been respected and its representatives are citizens of the best quality.



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JACOB GROSS.

(From Photo by W. J. Root).

## JACOB GROSS.

JACOB GROSS, who lives in retirement, in his pleasant and luxurious home at No. 1730 Deming Place, has resided in Chicago since 1855. He was at one time connected with one of the largest banking and real-estate firms in the city of Chicago, and in the faithful performance of all duties or trusts imposed upon him and the life of industry which he has led, has justly earned all his honors. Whether as a brave soldier or an able, ambitious, public servant, he has ever shown himself a gentleman and that fact has thoroughly established him in the hearts of the people.

Jacob Gross was born February 11, 1840, in Jacobsweiler, Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, and is a son of Henry and Barbara (Lotz) Gross. Henry Gross was a tiller of the soil, and died when Jacob was but thirteen years old. He and his good wife had four children, namely: Katharine (now deceased); Gertrude, now Mrs. Adam Miller, Henry and Jacob, of this article. The mother died in Richton, Cook County, Illinois, in 1860. In May, 1855, Mrs. Gross with her four children sailed from Havre, in the sailing ship "Elizabeth," and twenty-eight days later landed in New York. They came directly to Chicago, arriving July 1.

Jacob Gross was well educated in the parish school of his native place and after coming to Chicago attended Brown's School, on the West Side, and passed a credible examination for the high school, but did not enter. He learned the trade of tin-smith, at which he served a regular apprenticeship, and afterwards worked six

months as journeyman. He then went to Richland and was clerk in the store of his brother-in-law until the Civil War broke out. In August, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Union Army, joining Company B, Eighty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served continuously, participating in many of the hardest-fought battles of the war, until May 25, 1864, when he was severely wounded, at the battle of New Hope Church, Georgia, by a rifle ball, which so shattered the bones of his right leg that amputation became necessary. He lay in a hospital in Chattanooga until February, 1865, when he was honorably discharged in Chicago, February 14, 1865. In 1866 he was appointed deputy police clerk and served two years, and was elected West Town collector for three terms. He was then elected in 1872 clerk of the circuit court, and was twice re-elected and served until 1884, when he was elected state treasurer and served one term of two years. He has always been a Republican and has attended state conventions and other gatherings since he became a citizen.

In 1883 he became a member of the banking firm of Felsenthal, Gross & Miller, which was made a state bank in 1891. After serving as state treasurer he became actively engaged in the bank and was vice-president until 1896, when, owing to failing health, he resigned and has since lived in retirement. Mr. Gross is a member of Lessig Lodge No. 557, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, also Columbia Post No. 708, Grand Army of the Republic.



October 20, 1870, he married Miss Emma Schade, a native of New York, but of German parentage. They became the parents of three children, namely: Mamie, now Mrs. William

Falk, William H. and Flora. The family is connected with St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, among the congregation of which each one is highly honored.

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## SARGENT FIELD.

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**S**ARGENT FIELD. Among the foremost of the citizens of our United States are those men who can relate a history reaching back to the time that their ancestors were among the early settlers of the colonies. They inherit sturdiness, ambition and love of country in almost every case. In removing westward in the early days of the western part of the country, they further proved their interest in the welfare and growth of the nation. Sargent Field could boast a lineage of which any man might be proud. From the fact that his father was born in the town of Surrey, New Hampshire, in 1765, is shown that his people were among the early pioneers of the colonies.

Sargent Field was born June 25, 1802, in Peacham, Vermont, a son of Nathan and Hepzibah Field. His father removed to Peacham in 1788, and in 1794 became an active and valuable member of the Congregational Church in that section, with which body he was connected until his death. Nathan Field was a sincere Christian and endeavored to rear his children in the paths of right. His children were: Sargent; Ann Eliza, who married Milo Lodgett; Charles and Nathan, who lived in Neponset, Illinois. His wife died August 16, 1857, aged eighty years, and was buried in Hardwick. November 10, 1859, his own death followed, after he had reached the remarkable age of ninety-four years and three months.

In 1856 Sargent Field, with his family, moved westward, remaining a short time in Chicago, but settling in Ashkum, Illinois. He conducted

a hotel in this town for one year, and subsequently became a tiller of the soil near that town, and continued in this occupation until 1862, when he removed to Grand Crossing. He traded his farm to Paul Cornell for an acre and one-half of land lying between Cottage Grove and Drexel Avenues and making the southeast corner of Cottage Grove Avenue and Seventy-third Street. Mr. Cornell had removed a house from the corner of Sixtieth Street to this location, and a part of the house is still standing. This was the first residence in this section.

Mr. Field was married May 14, 1829, in Hardwick, Vermont, to Sarah Bailey, daughter of John and Abigail (Bailey) Cobb. She was born February 4, 1809, in Hardwick, and died October 28, 1863, and was buried in Rosehill Cemetery. The children of John Cobb were as follows: Florilla, who married Paris Coates; Sarah, Mrs. Field; and Abigail, who married Charles Field. Florilla removed westward and lived in Chicago, and her son, Calvin Coates, is still in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sargent Field were the parents of five children: Charles Porter, the eldest, born April 21, 1831, married Miss Charity Elizabeth Hudson, and removed west three years before his father. He located in Chicago, but returned east and settled in Brooklyn in 1864. He had no children and died September 12, 1879, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York. Orville Jenson Field, the second child of the man whose name heads this article,

was born May 21, 1834, and married Cecelia Emeline Orcutt. He settled in Chicago in 1863, died March 29, 1889, and his remains were interred in Oakwood Cemetery. His children are as follows: William, who is in Chicago; Sarah Elvira, Mabel and Louisa.

John Cobb Field, born May 26, 1839, married Sarah McCombie and came to Chicago with his father, Sargent Field. He removed to Kansas in 1871, returned to Chicago in 1893, and died March 2, 1894. His children are: Frederick, William and Minnie Estelle. Sarah Aurora Field was born January 7, 1842, in Peacham, Vermont, and was married November 3, 1864, to Charles Augustus Boughton. He was a son of William Boughton, of New Jersey, and was born July 13, 1841. The children of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boughton were named as follows: Anna Luella, Charles Herbert, Eugene, Helen Eliza,

Edna Aurora, who died at the age of four months; and Clifford LeRoy. Alvah Eugene Field was born November 6, 1849, and January 13, 1873, was married to Isabella Storms. The children of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Field were: Arthur Sargent, Esther Aurora, Isabella Irene and Lily. Of these, the son, Arthur, is the only one living. A. E. Field is the proprietor of a grocery store at the corner of Seventy-third Street and Cottage Grove Avenue.

Sargent Field was a man of noble and refined character and was an influential and valued member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a strict upholder of the principles and interests of the Republican party and for eight years held the office of sheriff of Caledonia County, Vermont. He died July 11, 1863, and was buried in Rosehill Cemetery. His loss was mourned by his many friends and relatives.

## CAPT. JOHN MACAULEY.

**C**APT. JOHN MACAULEY was born July 13, 1829, at Rathfriland, County Down, Ireland, and was the second son of John Macauley, a carpenter and resident of that town. His mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Patrick Brigham, a resident of Rathfriland, of Scottish ancestry.

John Macauley, senior, became convinced that the Western Hemisphere offered better inducements to industry than his native land, and in 1847 he came with his family to the United States, landing in New York May 22. He remained in that city until 1853, when he removed to Chicago, where both he and his wife died in 1860, the former surviving the latter only one day. One funeral served for both, and both were interred in the same grave at Graceland Cemetery. Each had attained the age of seventy-six

years. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters, namely: Mary Ann, Susannah, Margaret, George, John and William.

John Macauley, in common with his brothers and sisters, was educated in private schools in his native town, and he acquired the trade pursued by his father. This trade afforded him occupation and a livelihood until the year 1858, when he was appointed a detective on the police force of the city of Chicago. He continued in this service twenty years, with the exception of a short period during the Civil War, when he was employed in the secret service of the United States government in the south. In this arduous service he had many narrow escapes. On one occasion, while in pursuit of his duty in Kentucky, he was pursued by several mounted men and was shot at seven times, one bullet tearing a hole



through his saddle. In 1878 he resigned from the police force and lived a life of quiet retirement until his demise, which occurred February 10, 1898. His body was deposited in Graceland Cemetery with Masonic honors. Rev. J. A. Rondthaler, assisted by Rev. Dr. John Rusk, officiated at the funeral.

Mr. Macauley was made a Mason in 1863, in Kilwinnig Lodge No. 311, Chicago, and subsequently became a life member of that body. He was among the faithful members of the Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian Church and acted in political matters with the Republican party. He was a great lover of rifle shooting and was captain of the Englewood and Lake View Rifle Clubs. Among his trophies were three gold medals, won in contests in marksmanship. In disposition, Mr. Macauley was very generous and he died as did the father of the Scottish bard, "owing no man a penny."

He was married on Wednesday, June 22, 1859, to Miss Emily A. Shrigley, in Chicago. Mrs. Macauley is a daughter of John and Emily (Knight) Shrigley. John Shrigley was an Eng-

lishman by birth, and came to America in his youth, locating in Chicago in 1832. One year later he was followed by his wife and five children, whom he had left in Vermont, where he was married. In the early history of Cook County he served as its sheriff and was keeper of the county jail. He died August 15, 1853, and his remains were buried in Graceland Cemetery. He was born November 22, 1802, in the parish of Saddleworth, Yorkshire, England. His wife, Emily Adaline Knight, was born May 7, 1801, in Dummerston, Windham County, Vermont, and was a daughter of Jonathan Knight, a paper and woolen manufacturer of Dummerston. Her mother, Emma Perry, was a relative of the famous commodore, whose exploits on the inland lakes won a proud portion of American history.

Mr. and Mrs. Macauley were the parents of three children: Rollin Parker, Emily Adaline and Harriet Mae. The son married Miss May Bullard, of Sterling, Illinois. They have three beautiful boys, John Chester, Julian Mannington and Kenneth Rich. Emily A. Macauley became the wife of Elmer Hill, of Chicago.

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## AUGUSTUS BAUER.

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**A**UGUSTUS BAUER, an early resident of Chicago who was many years conspicuous in the business and social life of the city, was a native of Germany and received the thorough business training which is vouchsafed to every artisan in that country. He was born June 16, 1827, in Offenbach, near the capital city of Frankfort, and was a son of Jacob Bauer.

The father being a teacher, young Bauer had especially advantageous opportunities for obtaining an education, opportunities which he improved to the utmost, being industrious and apt as a student. After completing his school course,

he took up the study of architecture under a skillful tutor at Darmstadt, Germany, and became an adept in planning and conducting building operations.

Like many other ambitious citizens of his country, he turned his eyes toward the setting sun, in the hope of finding better opportunities for advancement than were afforded by the crowded condition of all lines of effort in the Old World. About 1852 he arrived in America, and spent two years in New York City. Here he shortly found employment in his profession, and was occupied in planning and directing the



erection of the dome upon the famous Crystal Palace of that city, in which the first World's Fair was held.

Again he moved westward, and arrived at Chicago in 1854, and here the balance of his life was spent. Shortly after his arrival he formed a partnership with Thomas B. Carter, a connection which continued for a period of twelve years. From 1867 to 1874 he was associated with Mr. Loebnitz. He was a heavy loser by the great fire of 1871, being extensively interested in local insurance companies, which were ruined by that catastrophe. He continued the industry which characterized his youth throughout his life, and executed many important labors in the city which was honored in being his home, ceasing only when his life terminated, February 8, 1894. The vault in the old Fidelity Building, which was constructed under his direction, withstood the terrible ordeal of the great fire and preserved the valuable papers it contained, a remarkable circumstance amidst the universal ruin of that time.

Mr. Bauer was a public-spirited citizen, and

nobly performed any duty to his fellow-citizens which devolved upon him. He was a consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and exemplified the true Christian in his daily walks of life. Being actuated by high moral principles, he was universally respected and beloved. He took an intelligent interest in the affairs of his adopted country and city but never sought public place for himself. He continued to support the political principles of the Republican party from the time he became a citizen of the United States, about the time that this party came into existence.

March 24, 1860, Mr. Bauer was married to Miss Anna Apel, a native of Berlin, Germany, and a daughter of John and Augusta Apel, who came to Chicago in 1849. Mr. Apel passed away in California, and his widow still resides in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer became the parents of five children, namely: Max F., Herman A., Robert A., Clara and Hertha, all of whom are now living, to be an aid and comfort to their widowed mother. The entire family is held in high esteem in the circles in which they move.

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## WILLIAM H. CARMAN.

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**W**ILLIAM HENRY CARMAN, who has been a resident of Chicago for nearly four decades, celebrated, with his faithful wife, the golden anniversary of their wedding, at their home on Lincoln Avenue, April 19, 1898. Mr. Carman was born December 9, 1828, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where his grandparents—Lewis and Catherine Carman—were highly respected residents. Lewis Carman was a slaveholder and was many years cashier of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of New Brunswick.

Abraham Voorhees Carman, father of the subject of this sketch, was born November 18, 1805,

in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and was a school teacher in New York City from 1830 to 1845. During his leisure moments he pursued the study of dentistry, which profession he practiced in the same city until his death, which occurred November 3, 1858, just before completing the fifty-third year of his age. He was a member of the Universalist Church and was buried in the Dutch Reformed Churchyard at New Brunswick. His wife, Ellen Oppie, mother of William H. Carman, was born May 14, 1806, in Bordentown, New Jersey, was married to A. V. Carman September 7, 1826, and died February 7, 1864,

while on a visit to her son in Chicago. Her remains were deposited in Graceland Cemetery.

The subject of this sketch attended the public school in his native town, in which his father was a teacher. In 1845 he took up the study of dentistry with his father and subsequently practiced with him two years. He came to Chicago in 1860 and entered mercantile life as a clerk with John Ellis, commission merchant, located at No. 14 State Street, in whose service he continued three years.

In 1863 he was appointed on the city police force and continued in the police department successively as patrolman, custodian of stolen property, clerk and desk sergeant, until his retirement, October 26, 1897. He served under all chiefs of police from Cyrus Bradley to Joseph Kipley, during a period of thirty-four years, and participated in all the rough experiences of the department in that time, including the great holocaust of 1871, and the anarchist riot of 1886. During the Civil War he was on duty under Isaac Milliken in the provost marshal's office, with Chief-of-Police C. P. Bradley, Mr. Carman's duty being the charge of permits granted to persons leaving the city.

He was on duty one month as inside guard over Confederate prisoners at Camp Douglas. After the war he was stationed at the armory, corner of Adams and Franklin Streets, taking care of returning soldiers. He assisted in the capture of Colonel Marmaduke and others concerned in the great Northwestern conspiracy, to liberate Confederate prisoners from Camp Douglas.

Mr. Carman was made a Mason in 1854, in Hope Lodge, New York City, was demitted in 1863, and affiliated with Kilwinnig Lodge No. 311, of Chicago, in which he was elected a life member December 24, 1894.

April 19, 1848, Mr. Carman was married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Jennings, the ceremony being conducted in New York City by Rev. W. S. Balsh. Mrs. Carman was born November 19, 1832, in Poughkeepsie, New York. Her father, Eli Jennings, was born January 22, 1805, near Bridgeport, Connecticut. He was a carpenter by trade and came to Chicago in 1857 from New

York City. He died here November 8, 1876, and his remains were taken to Danbury, Connecticut, and laid away in Wooster Cemetery. He was married May 23, 1826, at Danbury, Connecticut, to Miss Almira Mallory, who was born February 2, 1808, and is still living, in August, 1898. She is a daughter of Ezra Mallory and Eliza Andrews-Mallory. May 23, 1876, her fiftieth wedding anniversary was celebrated at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carman, No. 191 Lincoln Avenue. On that occasion were present two of her children, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. Jennings survived this event a little less than six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Carman are the parents of three children. The eldest, Harriett Elizabeth, born in New York City, June 10, 1849, married Levi M. Peck, of Danbury, Connecticut, January 1, 1866. They have eight children: Lillian Starr, William Carman, Sarah, Eli, Edward Clayton, Charles Arthur, Walter Stanley and Mamie Alice. The eldest of these is now the wife of Miles Desbrow, of Danbury, Connecticut. The third married his brother, David Desbrow, and is the mother of one child, Phoebe.

Elmira Ellen Carman, born in Chicago November 25, 1861, is the wife of James Thomson, of Rogers Park, Chicago. They have a son named Harry Carman. Frank, third child of William H. and Elizabeth Carman, born December 8, 1866, married Mary Charlotte Austgen and has two children, William Austgen and Esther Catherine.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Carman was a notable event in Chicago society. There were living on this occasion all of their children, eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. About two hundred of their friends and neighbors were present and the occasion was rendered especially notable by the presence of Mrs. Carman's mother, whose golden wedding anniversary had been celebrated in the same house twenty-two years before. The principals in this joyful event bore every evidence of sound health, and it was difficult for those present to believe that the bride of fifty years ago is already a great-grandmother. When her eldest



child was born there were living four of its grandfathers and six grandmothers—these, including two each of paternal ancestors, preceding the father and mother and three maternal ancestors on each side. The day was celebrated after the fashion of an old "New England calling day" and visitors paid their respects in a steady stream from noon until midnight. Refreshments and

music aided in giving pleasure to the occasion, and all joined in the wish that many future anniversaries might be thus celebrated. Numerous letters of regret were received from distant friends. Mr. and Mrs. Carman may well feel proud of the evidences of friendship and esteem vouchsafed to them in many ways at this notable festival.

## EDMUND D. SPOONER.

**E**DMUND D. SPOONER, who is senior vice national commander of the Union Veteran Legion, of Chicago, Illinois, is a native of Connersville, Indiana, where he was born August 9, 1843. He is a son of Judge William L. and Catherine (Smith) Spooner, natives of Cincinnati, Ohio. William L. Spooner was a son of Reed Spooner, born in Cincinnati, who came of a colonial family of New Bedford, Massachusetts. Judge W. L. Spooner was a pioneer in Cincinnati, and was a merchant in that city in the days of its early history. He was very successful in this venture. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, and for a period of thirty-five years practiced in the courts of Ohio and Indiana. He was elected judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton County, and served one term. He was prominent in political affairs, a fine orator and a man of strong character and natural abilities.

He was deputy collector of internal revenue under President Lincoln's administration in Cincinnati, serving under his brother, Thomas Spooner, who was the first collector under this administration in the first district of Ohio. During the Morgan raid he raised a regiment, of which he became colonel, and served in Kentucky till after the scare was over. He supported Lincoln and after the organization of the Republican party upheld its principles and interests by his voice and vote. He married Catherine

Smith, daughter of John L. Smith, of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was a niece of Caleb B. Smith, Lincoln's secretary of the interior, and afterward judge of the United States court in the Indianapolis district, who died suddenly, of hemorrhage, in his consultation rooms.

Judge Spooner was the father of seven children, of whom three daughters and two sons are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Spooner are both deceased. Edmund D. Spooner is the second of his father's family, and he was but two years old when his father removed from Connersville. He grew to manhood in Cincinnati and there received the preliminaries of his education. He subsequently entered a college near the city and had just entered the junior year when the war broke out, in 1861. He enlisted in the seventy-five thousand three-month call, April 19, 1861, in Company G, Fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went into camp at Camp Denison. June 19 of the same year the regiment re-enlisted as a body in the call for three hundred thousand men for three years. He was sworn in as sergeant, but on July 5, 1861, received an appointment from President Lincoln as second lieutenant, to date from May 14, 1861, in the Fifth United States Artillery. He was discharged from the volunteer service at Camp Denison, to accept a position offered him by President Lincoln, and reported to his regiment at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. For two months



he was located at that place and at Williamsport and New York City, in recruiting and organizing the regiment. He then reported to General Wood, at Baltimore, with his command, and until the fall of 1862 was, with his regiment, on duty guarding the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad from Baltimore to Monocacy Bridge, Maryland. This was an arduous and important duty and involved hardships and dangers. In the fall of 1862 he was ordered to report to Maj.-Gen. Robert H. Milroy, at Winchester, Virginia, with his command. From this time until January, 1863, he was actively engaged in raiding the enemy's country, as far south as New Market, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley, taking part in many small engagements. June 13-14-15, 1863, they fought under General Milroy, with a force of ten thousand men, against the rebel General Ewell's thirty thousand men. The Union troops were forced to retreat to Harper's Ferry, but on the night of June 15, 1863, they fought Ewell the second time and had a wild night's fight of it. At Harper's Ferry the company joined the Third Army Corps, commanded by Major-General French, and arrived in Gettysburg in time to partake in the excitement and bloodshed of the last days of this great battle. Lieutenant Spooner's company lost heavily in this battle and he had two horses killed under him. He was on detached duty for some time after this in the vicinity of Washington, District of Columbia.

He was promoted July 1, 1863, to the position of first lieutenant, and reported to Battery H, Army of the Cumberland, Fourteenth Army Corps, under Gen. George H. Thomas, reaching his command immediately after the battle of Chickamauga, the army being stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee. From this time, September, 1863, to the battle of Mission Ridge, he was with the army. In this battle his battery was posted on Orchard Knob. He received special orders from General Grant to fire his six pieces simultaneously, to give the signal to advance the army of General Thomas in the center. Three days' fighting followed and Lieutenant Spooner was in the saddle during this entire length of time. After the battle of Mission Ridge he was

ordered back to Nashville, Tennessee, to recruit his battery, but was not idle and participated in many marches, among which was the one after Forrest into Alabama.

During the early months of 1864 his battery became so thinned out that it was consolidated with Battery K, the ranking officers assuming command. The non-commissioned officers were sent to Fort Hamilton, New York. Here Lieutenant Spooner organized a new battery with full complement of men, and was sent to the Dry Tortugas to guard political prisoners. About this time he was married, and not caring to enter into active service in the front, he resigned his commission, January 26, 1865, and returned to Cincinnati. Here he engaged in mercantile pursuits and has thus been occupied to the present time. He has always taken an active interest in politics, and held the position of deputy auditor of Hamilton County, Ohio, at one time. In all orders arising from military operations, Lieutenant Spooner has taken an active interest and aided in every possible manner.

In the Union Veteran Legion he is past national adjutant general, and at the present time, 1897-98, is senior vice national commander of the same. He has been actively engaged in aiding the progress of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has been prominent in committee work in the Loyal Legion. He is a member of the western society of the Army of the Potomac, and also of the Army of the Cumberland. He is past grand of Magnolia Lodge No. 83, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and also of Encampment No. 42, Knights of Pythias, of Cincinnati.

Mr. Spooner was married February 28, 1865, to Miss Mary Humphreys. They became the parents of three sons: Elmont H., Alexander and Charles E., now deceased. Mrs. Spooner died in 1890. Mr. Spooner is a true type of the old soldier and is proud to bear the title. He bravely did his duty in time of war without shrinking. In the life of a citizen he has proved himself loyal to the rights and interests of the people, and will always be honored and respected as a man of noble character and upright principle.

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## JOHN R. HOXIE.

JOHN RANDOLPH HOXIE. Chicago, the Queen of our Great West, is indebted for its marvelous growth and rapid development, which have caused the whole world to acknowledge its commercial greatness, to a few men, who, to lay the foundations of metropolitan supremacy, gave the best of their heart's blood, their brain power, and nerve forces. The majority have as their reward wealth or honor, but few have both. Among the active business men who have acquired both was the subject of this sketch, who obtained it through close attention to business, and unswerving integrity and uprightness of character.

John R. Hoxie was born December 13, 1831, in Macedon, near Rochester, New York, and his parents were Cornelius and Anna (Brawnell) Hoxie. He received a partial education in the Macedon Academy, but as his tastes impelled him to use every opportunity for learning business ways, his school days were thus cut short. Many stories of his youthful trading propensities illustrate his ability in doing well for himself, and in him could plainly be seen the future financier and business man. On one occasion he wished to buy a fish-hook, but as his finances were low, he applied to the banker of the town, who lent him three cents. After catching and disposing of the fish he very promptly paid his debt, thus winning the esteem of his creditor. At the age of fourteen years he bought all the turkeys in the neighborhood and realized a handsome profit on them. At seventeen years of age he was able to buy his "time" or independence from his father, for one thousand dollars. He was always pru-

dent with his earnings, and many times walked from Albany to Rochester to save the fare by stage.

Mr. Hoxie became a sub-contractor on the Niagara Falls Railroad at an early age, and later was in the same position on the Staten Island Railroad. While in the latter position the yellow fever began raging and he was quarantined, but finally escaped to the mainland. After spending nearly two years in Virginia he returned to Rochester, New York, where he became a dealer in live stock, which he shipped over the Michigan Southern and other railroads. His fame as a man of great business tact and ability spread over many States, and in 1857 he received an offer to assist in the management of the shipping business of the Michigan Southern Railroad, with headquarters in Chicago. This offer was received by telegram, and hastily packing his satchel, he told his mother he would return in a few days; but the days lengthened into weeks, months, and years, and he did not return home until 1862. The officers of the company recognized his ability, and the position of stock agent was offered him, which he accepted and retained during his connection with the road.

At this time the company was almost bankrupt, but Mr. Hoxie infused new life into the business by building up the freight traffic, thus saving it from financial ruin. For this service the company was ever truly grateful, and he was retained in office long after his active interest ceased. Largely through his influence the railroad was able to retain its controlling interest in the Union Stock Yards, and the profits from the tremendous

traffic in live stock thus brought to it. When a combined effort was made by the other roads to induce Mr. Hoxie to retire from the service of the Michigan Southern, he declined every consideration offered him, and remained faithful through all temptation.

From early morning until late eve did he labor in the interest of this road, and this was practically his life work. He foresaw great possibilities in its future, and steadily strove to carry it forward to its destiny. His nature rejoiced in victory over opposition, and the sharp competition he often met was refreshing to his restless spirit, and a stimulus to greater exertions. He loved work for its own sake, not for praise and reward. In the end, however, he paid the usual penalty for living under such high pressure, by the invasion of sickness and premature death. His nature could not rest, and though his life was shorter, he accomplished much more than the majority of business men.

Though an extremely busy man, he was always cheerful, and liked the society of his fellows. He was, however, a stranger to the fashionable clubs, and made his home the scene of his rest and recreation. His wife was a worthy life companion, and her delight was to make the home pleasant, having a serene manner, a contented disposition, and being a great help to her husband in curbing his great ambition and teaching him the lessons of patience.

As soon as he was able Mr. Hoxie began to invest money in securities, and so good was his foresight that he became wealthy. In 1878 he bought a large grant of land from the heirs of Dr. Hoxie, a veteran of the Texan and the Mexican Wars, and an army surgeon under General Houston. This grant embraced ten thousand acres of land in Williamson County, Texas, to which he added another purchase of seven thousand acres. It is situated thirty-five miles from Austin, and six thousand acres of it have been cultivated, and fifty families reside on it.

Mr. Hoxie also bought fifty-two thousand acres of land at Midland, Texas, in the Counties of Martin and Andrews, this land being used for grazing. Beside his mansion on Michigan Ave-

nue, he had a country home twenty-one miles south of Chicago, which included seven hundred fifty-seven acres of land. Here he spent many hours away from the cares of business life, and lived close to the heart of Nature. On all his farms he has kept the buildings in excellent repair, having built many new ones. Unlike most business men, he early instructed his wife in the details of his affairs, being animated by the principle that what was his also belonged to her. To this wise precaution his widow now largely owes her ability to manage the property with such success.

Mr. Hoxie made annual trips to his possessions in the South, and to every one of these Texas owed some improvement, and he many times used his influence in opening some avenue of commerce. In 1887 he decided to retire from business, but never fully carried out his intention. When he was in Texas he made his headquarters at Fort Worth and there he was held in high esteem by all the inhabitants, and especially the business men. Prior to his coming to this town the business was very dull, but he inspired confidence by organizing the Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank, with a capital of one million dollars. He was the president of this bank and also of the First National Bank at Taylor, Texas. He was connected with twenty other banks in this State, his influence and standing giving them power to exist.

In 1891, at the urgent request of the citizens of Fort Worth, he organized stock yards and packing houses, and the next year passed through a strike which made his presence at the yards necessary. This was such a severe strain on his finely organized nervous constitution that he never recovered his former health. A small benefit was gained at Carlsbad Springs, Germany, but nothing could entirely stay the ravages of the disease, diabetes, from which his death resulted. He passed away November 21, 1896.

Mr. Hoxie was a talented man, and had many charming traits of character. His influence was ever for good and his advice in municipal affairs was often sought and freely given. He was president of the Board of Trustees of Hyde Park and a



school trustee in the town of Lake. During the centennial year he was a candidate for Congress on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated. Though he never afterward held any office his influence was such that he controlled many positions of trust and responsibility. His rare wit and skillful repartee may be said to be gifts inherited from his mother, well-known for her good sense and quick perception.

Mr. Hoxie became interested in the Chicago City Railway Company and was instrumental in extending the cable lines, being for many years one of the largest individual stockholders. He was many times the youngest member of various boards of management, where he was nevertheless recognized as a born leader. His associates often called him "Boy," among these being such men as Silas B. Cobb, Daniel Jones, Solomon Sturges, Lyman Blair, John De Koven, Samuel Nickerson, Lyman J. Gage, John B. Sherman, P. D. Armour, Samuel Allerton, and others equally well-known. He was called the "Mogul" of the Stock Yards Railroad along Fortieth Street, which was secured by his indefatigable energy.

In his business methods Mr. Hoxie was unlike the average man. Though possessed of sufficient ability to carry on numerous vast business enterprises at the same time, he never used books to record his transactions, but so carefully was everything systematized that he suffered no loss from this fact. His was an eccentric character, but he was no recluse, and enjoyed rare friendships. He was well-known in Masonic circles, having attained the thirty-second degree. His wealth was accumulated in a legitimate way, and his only extravagance was indulged in providing for the comfort of his family. In religious belief he was a Quaker, and helped build and maintain the church at Twenty-sixth Street and Indiana Avenue. The principles of his forefathers seemed to be the guide and rule of his life.

Mr. Hoxie was married October 22, 1872, to Mary J., daughter of P. D. Hamilton. Among the Quakers she was known as "John's wife," but her husband always spoke of her with deference as Mrs. Mary J. Hoxie. Their union was blessed by three children, namely: John R., junior, Gilbert H. and Anna C.

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## LEONARD SWETT.

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LEONARD SWETT was born August 11, 1825, near the village of Turner, Oxford County, Maine, on what was known as Swett's Hill. This hill slopes in all directions, and constitutes one of the most beautiful spots in New England, and has ever since been owned by the family. His father, John Swett, was born in Buckfield, Maine, February 4, 1789, and married Remember Berry, on August 29, 1816. The latter was born at Buckfield, Maine, December 22, 1794. They settled after their marriage on the above-named hill, and lived and died there. The father was seventy years old, and the mother in her eighty-ninth year at the date of their respective deaths—June 25, 1859, and May 19,

1883. They had six children. Mr. Swett followed the occupation of farming many years, but subsequently traveled, selling patent rights for different men, and for several years before his death was an agent for R. B. Dunn, a scythe manufacturer, at Wayne, Maine. He was a good business man and had the confidence of his employers. He was a strict temperance man, he and his wife being members of the first temperance society formed in Turner. Mr. Swett was also a soldier in the War of 1812, being a private of Captain Richmond's company of Massachusetts Militia, his widow receiving a pension in acknowledgment of his services.

The story of this home is thus simply told by



one of its members: "We each had our daily tasks, which we were always ready and willing to perform; our daily fare was always an abundance of plain, well cooked food, eaten with a relish known only to the industrious. The twilight hour was almost invariably spent in song. How well I remember those concerts, of our eight voices, as we joined in singing our hymns of praise. It was a happy, peaceable, religious, industrious, frugal home. Sickness seldom invaded it, and its blessed memory is a source of joy to me yet." Here in the midst of a grandly rolling country Leonard Swett grew to manhood, developing a character sweet and healthful as the balsamic odor of the pines, yet strong and rugged as his native hills.

Leonard Swett's great-grandfather was Dr. Stephen Swett, of Gorham, and surgeon of Col. Edmund Phinney's 31st Regiment of Foot of 1775, in the war of the American Revolution. Pierce, in his history of Gorham, says, "Dr. Stephen Swett came from North Hampton in 1770. He was the tenth physician in the town. He was patriotic and possessed great energy." He died at Otisfield, Maine, January 6, 1807, aged seventy-five years or over. Dr. Swett's wife was Sarah Adams. Tradition says she was a cousin (probably second cousin) of President John Adams.

Dr. Stephen Swett and Sarah Adams Swett, his wife, had fourteen children, the fourth of whom—John Swett, born at Durham, New Hampshire, June 23, 1763, and who was married at Gorham, Maine, March 27, 1788, to Betsey Warren—was Leonard Swett's grandfather. "He settled in Buckfield, Maine, the year he was married and resided there until his death, July 14, 1844. He was a farmer, and everything about his premises was a pattern of neatness and thrift. He had a good property and enough of everything for the comforts of life. He and his wife were both industrious, prudent, temperate, moral and religious. He brought the first wagon owned in the town from Gorham. It was very much admired and considered quite wonderful in those days. It was used to carry the family to church. Both he and his wife died of old age,

respected and beloved, and cared for by their son and sixth child, David Warren Swett." Betsey Warren Swett was born June 28, 1763, and died June 3, 1846.

As to the origin of Mr. Swett's family nothing is known definitely back of Dr. Stephen Swett, but as he came from towns in New Hampshire (Durham and North Hampton), but a few miles from Newbury and Hampton, which was the home in 1642 of John Swett, of England, who, through his son, Benjamin Swett, left a large family, it is thought probable that Dr. Stephen Swett is one of his numerous descendants.

Remember Berry Swett was born December 22, 1794; she was the daughter of William Berry and Joanna Doane; granddaughter of George Berry and Sarah Stickney; great-granddaughter of Maj. George Berry and Elizabeth Frink; great-great-granddaughter of George Berry and Deliverance Haley.

Mr. Swett, the subject of this sketch, died June 8, 1889. He married Laura R. Quigg, of Bradford, Massachusetts, July 20, 1854, and they had one son, Leonard H. Swett. March 5, 1886, his wife died, and July 14, 1887, he married Marie A. H. Decker, who survives him.

Leonard Swett was the second son and fourth child of his parents, and they conceived the idea, at an early date, of giving him a better education than the town afforded, consequently he was sent to select schools in the vicinity, and completed his education at North Yarmouth Academy and Waterville College, now Colby University. He then read law for two years with Messrs. Howard & Shepley, at Portland, Maine, and started in the world to seek his fortune. At first he traveled in the South for nearly a year, then, with the spirit of adventure, he volunteered as a soldier in the Mexican War, and was under General Scott from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico. The war closed in May, 1848, when Mr. Swett returned and settled at Bloomington, Illinois. He commenced the practice of his profession in the fall of 1849, and gave to that profession the labor of a life. He was in indifferent health, on account of a disease contracted in Mexico, which rendered it impracticable for him to sit in an office

and do office work, and, therefore, at first he commenced to travel the circuit. The bar of that circuit, the eighth at that time, embraced many men of marked ability, some of whom have since acquired a national reputation. David Davis, since distinguished as a judge of the supreme court and a senator of the United States, was the judge from 1849 to 1862. Abraham Lincoln, for two years a member of congress, and afterwards known to the world as the martyred President and the emancipator of a race, was one of its lawyers. Edward D. Baker, a member of congress from the Sangamon District, also afterward from the Galena District, later a distinguished citizen of California, and a senator of the United States from Oregon, who died leading his men at the battle of Ball's Bluff, in the Civil War, was also one of its lawyers. There were also Edward Hannagan and Daniel W. Voorhees, since senators from Indiana, who attended the eastern part of the circuit, and Stephen T. Logan, John T. Stuart, U. F. Linder and Oliver L. Davis. The sessions commenced the 1st of September, and ended about the 1st of January. The spring circuit commenced about February and ended in June. In a life with these men and upon this circuit, Mr. Swett spent his time from 1849 to 1862. The lawyers would arrive at a county seat of from five hundred to two thousand inhabitants, and the clients and public came in from the country adjoining at about the same time. The lawyers were employed in such suits as were then pending in court, and the trials were immediately begun. After from three days to a week spent in this manner, the court would adjourn and the cavalcade start for the adjoining county seat, when the same processes would be repeated. Twice a year fourteen counties were traversed in this way, and in this manner Mr. Swett received his earlier legal education. David Davis, in a speech at Springfield, said in substance that this time constituted the bright spot of his life. In this expression he would doubtless be joined by every man named, most of whom now live beyond the river.

In 1865 Mr. Swett moved to Chicago, where he soon acquired a prominent and leading position

as a lawyer. During his life in the country, in Illinois, he took an active part in politics, taking part in the agitation of the slavery question, and canvassed nearly the whole state in the years 1852, 1854, 1856, 1858 and 1860. He, however, held but one office, which was that of member of the legislature, in 1858 and 1859, and this was at the special request of Lincoln himself, to save to the latter the vote of McLean County. That county at the previous election had been carried by four votes. Lincoln thought Swett could be elected, and asked him to run. He did so, carrying the county by nearly five hundred majority. He then engaged earnestly in the work of securing the nomination of Abraham Lincoln for President, writing to public men and organizing other workers. The three men who did more than all others to make Mr. Lincoln the nominee in 1860 were Leonard Swett, David Davis and Norman B. Judd; and the two men who were closest of all to Mr. Lincoln until his death were Swett and Davis. Norman B. Judd was given a foreign mission, David Davis was made supreme judge, but Leonard Swett declined to take office under the administration. He was closer to Lincoln's innermost thoughts and sympathies than any man in the world. He was much like Lincoln in person, complexion and manner, so much so that he was often mistaken for the President in Washington, and he was much of the Lincoln mould, intellectually.

It has often been remarked that intimate as Lincoln was with Leonard Swett, he never gave him any office, and Swett was often asked the reason why. He always evaded the question, but, in a letter to W. H. Herndon, the author of the "Life of Lincoln," written a short time before Mr. Swett died, the latter explained this fact: When David Davis was a candidate for the supreme bench, soon after Lincoln's election to the presidency, he was opposed by a senator of great influence, named Browning, whom Lincoln was almost ready to appoint. Leonard Swett was a warm friend of David Davis, and, going to the president, he said: "If you will give that place to Davis I will take it as one-half for him and one-half for myself, and never again will ask you



for anything." David Davis got the appointment, and Leonard Swett was true to his word. He said, not long before his death, that he was always glad he kept out of office.

After his removal to Chicago, he devoted himself exclusively to his profession, and absolutely ignored politics. Mr. Swett was distinguished as successful in the trial of causes, in fact, he did little else during his professional life. In Chicago the most important cases were intrusted to him, and it was a rare thing that he lost one of them. The reason of this was, that he attended to the details of the preparation personally, himself seeing and talking with his witnesses, so that when the cause was heard in court it fitted together "without noise of axe or hammer."

His business, in the main, was in civil cases; for instance, Thomas A. Scott, during the war, employed him for the Quicksilver Mining Company to go to California to get possession of the great quicksilver mine near San Jose, after an adverse decision in reference to the Almaden claim. This country acquired by the treaty of Guadeloupe Hidalgo, at the close of the Mexican War, a large tract of land, now embracing many States and Territories, described by boundaries, and our Government agreed, wherever individuals owned lands within these boundaries, it would issue to such parties a patent. Under the Mexican law there were two kinds of titles, a mineral title, or a right to what the land contained under the surface, and a surface title. One man might own one title and another man the other. We have but one, the surface, and one owning that owns all above and below. The Barons had a mineral title to what they called the Almaden mine, and had made, prior to the decision, immense improvements. Justos Larios owned the surface title, and this was bought, and the Quicksilver Mining Company was organized upon this title. In 1863 the Supreme Court of the United States decided that the Baron title was a forgery. The quicksilver claim of Justos Larios had not been heard, and this left this property of immense value belonging either to the Government or to the quicksilver company. A contract was made between the Government and the quicksilver

company, by which a possession might be taken, which should be joint as between the Government and said mining company, and Mr. Swett was appointed by President Lincoln to go to California and acquire this joint possession, it being understood that he would offer the Barons one million dollars for their improvements. It was also a condition of this agreement that the proceeds of the mine should be deposited in the mint at San Francisco until the termination of the litigation between the Government and the Quicksilver Mining Company. He went to California, arriving there May 19, 1863, and leaving September 14, having, by aid of the courts and negotiations, secured the possession of the mine. Although Mr. Swett maintained a large office at Chicago, he, occasionally, at home and abroad, defended persons from criminal accusations, when the defense presented something attractive. In the vindication of honor, or if, upon the common frailty of the race, an act was done, he was a most accomplished and effective advocate for the accused. He dealt, like a mental philosopher, with the purposes of the mind of the accused, and revealed to the comprehension of the court and jury the mysterious influences which produced the act of the party. He tried the will, purpose and intent, and not the mere physical act upon which the charge was founded. His mind delighted in the beautiful philosophy of the law; he dealt with its spirit, not with its letter. In this manner, in thirty-six years, he defended twenty men for murder, entirely clearing eighteen and two escaping with light punishment in the penitentiary.

He was called out of the city in criminal cases from Hartford, Connecticut, to defend the officers of the Charter Oak Life Insurance Company for conspiracy; to Denver, where, with Hon. Thomas Patterson, he defended Stickney, who shot a man in a fit of jealousy, killing also a young and attractive woman; and to Yankton, where he defended Wintermute for the killing of McCook.

His style in a trial was simply the abnegation of every consideration except winning that case. To this he sacrificed everything. His style of speaking was earnest and convincing. He was the Chicago counsel for the Union Mutual Life



Insurance Company, of Maine, and distinguished himself by gaining a suit for that company against the Chicago University, which had become famous in the legal reports for its knotty problems of law and equity.

On the 21st of June, 1888, he made the nominating speech for Walter Q. Gresham for President of the United States. Mr. Swett's address was an independent utterance, touching in an extremely effective manner the salient qualities of the individual eulogized, and also those points in his public career which had brought him so prominently before the people as a possible presidential candidate.

In private life Mr. Swett was a man of social disposition and strong attachments. He was a pleasant companion and a warm and steadfast friend, and was generous almost to a fault. His nature was kind, genial and sympathetic, and his social intercourse was enlivened by so many generous and endearing qualities, that it won for him the affectionate regard of those who knew him intimately to an extraordinary degree. In person he was imposing; six feet two inches in height, and weighing, when in health, two hundred and twenty-five pounds or more. He possessed a strong face, with heavy, bushy, black eyebrows, over-hanging deep-set brown eyes, sparkling and brilliant, but kindly withal. An expansive, intellectual forehead betokened his strength of character. His voice was extremely rich and musical, and always pleasant to listen to.

The *Chicago Bar*, by Frank B. Wilkie, said of him the following:

"As a speaker he had few or no superiors at the bar. He required scarcely any preparation to make a speech on any subject. He saw a case clearly, and had the faculty of presenting it with equal clearness. He had that tendency toward amplification found in all true orators, and by whose aid he presented a single point in so many salient aspects, that it became as apparent as sunlight to his auditory. This ability to not only clearly present a point, but to restate it and reiterate it under a slightly changed form up to a

boundary where it becomes thoroughly understood, and yet, which is not carried beyond into the region of verbosity and tiresome and useless reiteration, is one of a high order, and it is one which Mr. Swett seemed to possess to perfection. Its due and judicious exercise requires an accurate knowledge of the men whom it is employed upon, and the precise ideas and illustrations which are demanded by their comprehension. Mr. Swett had all these qualities, and the additional one of being an excellent logician and an admirable manager, who thus not only knew what should be presented, but the very best form in which the presentation should be made.

"Possibly the not least remarkable feature of his oratorical power was his ability to employ pathos. Herein, when occasion required, he rose to a most effective level. He was both rhetorical and natural in this direction, the former being to some extent a sequence to the latter, in that he felt what he said, and therein, as usually happens, was eloquent. He was exceedingly happy in the use of this powerful element. When in this mood he smote the rock of men's hidden emotions, and obediently, as in the case of Moses, the waters gushed forth in response to the summons. From the possession of this subtle power to touch effectively men's emotional natures, Mr. Swett had what the world would suspect from seeing him, and that was a powerful element of poetry in his character. This was true; and its existence was not only the source of his power to touch the hearts of others, but it refined his nature and gave him a chivalry that exhibited itself in a lofty regard for women, an integrity in business matters that could not be disturbed, and a kindly consideration that leavened all his intercourse with others. In fine, the poetical quality, while it introduced no element of effeminacy in his character, while it did not detract from his masculine vigor or interfere with his comprehensive ability, softened his naturally rugged make-up, and gave him an efficient refinement." Leonard Swett was one of nature's noblemen, and worthy to be remembered as Abraham Lincoln's most trusted friend.

## LESLIE LEWIS.

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LESLIE LEWIS, who is assistant superintendent of schools of the city of Chicago, has been one of the prime factors in the development of the comprehensive school system of the city. Coming from a direct line of educated and refined ancestors, Mr. Lewis has devoted his entire life to educational work. He was born at Otsego, New York, December 10, 1838. When Leslie was ten years of age, his father, Corydon Lewis, removed his family, consisting of his wife and three children, to Freeport, Illinois.

Leslie Lewis was graduated from the Freeport High School, and subsequently attended for two years Phillips Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts. After completing the course at the last-named institution in 1862, he was graduated from a four years' course at Yale College, finishing in 1866. He soon after accepted a position as principal of the Washington Academy. In September, 1867, he was elected principal of the old Dearborn School, Chicago, which was on Madison Street, opposite McVicker's Theater. Mr. Lewis was next made principal of the Haven School, which position he held until 1876, when he resigned to enable him to take up the duties of superintendent of schools of Hyde Park, to which office he had previously been elected.

He had taken up his residence in this town a short time before the fire of 1871, having previously resided in a house which was located near where the Leland Hotel now stands. He has been re-elected to the office mentioned every year since that time, but the office became subordinate to the city of Chicago when Hyde Park was annexed, in 1889. He has now held the office twenty-two years, and under his supervision the growth in number of pupils, as well

as number and quality of teachers, has been phenomenal. The examinations were not so rigid then as now, and as teachers were not so numerous, the requirements were less. Over five thousand teachers, who have passed through the present rigid system of examinations, are at present employed. The school buildings have been greatly improved, and in the place of wooden and poorly ventilated buildings, stand fine brick structures of the most modern pattern. The schools are now conducted with the view to furthering the physical as well as mental welfare of the pupils.

Leslie Lewis was married to Miss Mary E., daughter of John Waterman, of Chicago. She was born in Grafton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, her father being a native of Vermont. Mrs. Lewis is the mother of two children, Mary Catherine and Susan Whipple, who are now young ladies.

The Lewis family is of very old American stock, and the grandfather of Leslie Lewis served with distinction in the War of the Revolution. His name was Justus Lewis, and his son, Corydon Lewis, was the father of Leslie, whose name heads this article.

Mr. Lewis is a thorough-bred American, and believes in upholding, at any price, the good name of his country. He is a man of sturdy character, and believes that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. He affiliates with the Republican party in national politics, but in municipal matters is always thoroughly independent. He owns his pleasant residence at No. 5605 Madison Avenue. Being a man of pleasant personality, he is alike beloved by friends and relatives.

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ELISHA GRAY

## ELISHA GRAY.

PROF. ELISHA GRAY, whose inventive genius and persevering industry have played no inconspicuous part in revolutionizing the business methods of the modern world, bears in his veins the sturdy and vigorous blood of some of America's founders. His grandfather, John Gray, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was a farmer in Chester County, Pennsylvania, where he died. Mary Moore, wife of John Gray, was a native of Delaware, presumably of English blood. She survived her husband and moved, with her younger children, to the vicinity of Georgetown, Ohio, and afterward to Monroe County, in the same State, where she died. She was the mother of Thomas, Elijah, Elisha, David, John and Samuel Gray.

David Gray was an Orthodox Quaker; a quiet man, of noble character, and beloved by all who came within his benign influence. He was a farmer, and lived near Barnesville, Ohio, whence he moved to Monroe County, in that State, where he died, in 1849, in the prime of life, at the age of about forty years. His wife, Christiana Edgerton, was a native of Belmont County, Ohio, where her parents, Richard and Mary (Hall) Edgerton, were early settlers. Richard Edgerton was born in North Carolina, of English descent, and was a prominent member of the Society of Friends. The family was noted for the large size of its members, all being six feet or more in height. They were also brainy people. John Edgerton was a noted leader of the "Hicksite" Quakers, and a powerful anti-slavery agitator in Ohio and Indiana. His brother, Joseph Edgerton, was the leading Orthodox Quaker of his day, and a great preacher. He was vigorous to the

end of his life, which came after he had attained the age of eighty years. The Halls were also a vigorous and intelligent people, and prominent among the Quakers.

David Gray and wife were well-read and intelligent, and engaged in teaching in early life. Mrs. Gray was liberally educated for that day in Ohio, and her influence went far in preparing her son for the prominent part he was destined to take in the development of modern practical science. She survived her husband many years, reaching the venerable age of seventy-eight, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Cope, in New Sharon, Iowa.

Elisha Gray was born near Barnesville, Belmont County, Ohio, August 2, 1835. From a recent work, entitled "Prominent Men of the Great West," the following elegant and carefully prepared account of Professor Gray's life is taken:

"When young Gray was but twelve years of age, he had received three or four months of district schooling and the usual industrial training given to farmers' lads of his age and condition of life. Over forty years ago his father died, leaving Elisha in a large measure dependent upon his own resources for a living. When fourteen years of age he apprenticed himself to a blacksmith, and partly mastered that trade, but, his strength being greatly overtaxed, he was forced to give it up and joined his mother, who had removed to Brownsville, Pennsylvania. Here he entered the employ of a boat-builder, serving three and a-half years' apprenticeship, learning the trade of ship-joiner.

"At the end of this time he was a first-class mechanic and began to give evidence of his

inventive genius. He was handicapped, however, by the meagreness of his education, and was little more than able to experiment with the simplest contrivances. The testimony of one who knew him intimately at this time indicates that he had a consciousness of his own resources and was of the belief that Nature had destined him to accomplish some important work in life. He had a great desire to acquire that fundamental knowledge which would open for him the way to intelligent research, investigation and ultimate achievements.

"While working as an apprentice, he formed the acquaintance of Prof. H. S. Bennett, now of Fisk University, then a student at Oberlin College, Ohio, from whom he learned that at that institution exceptional opportunities were afforded to students for self-education; and immediately after he had completed his term of service he set out for the college, with barely enough money in his possession to carry him to his destination. He arrived in Oberlin in the summer of 1857, at once going to work as a carpenter, and supported himself by this means during a five-years course of study in the college. As a student he gave especial attention to the physical sciences, in which he was exceptionally proficient, his ingenuity being strikingly manifested from time to time in the construction of the apparatus used in the classroom experiments. His cleverness in constructing these various appliances made him a conspicuous character among the students. While pursuing his college course he was not fully decided as to what profession he would take up, and, at one time, he is said to have contemplated entering the ministry, finally deciding, however, not to do so. Perhaps the course of his life was decided by a remark of the mother of the young lady who afterwards became his wife. This was in a joking spirit, to the effect that 'it would be a pity to spoil a good mechanic to make a poor minister.' In fact, to this casual remark the now famous inventor has declared himself to be, in great measure, indebted for what he has since accomplished. Truly, the worthy lady must have been of a sound and discriminating judgment, to discover

the hidden worth of the young man, and she, doubtless, more than any one else, in his earlier days, fanned the latent sparks of genius into the flame which, in later days, revealed to his brain the contrivances which have made his name famous, and which have proved of inestimable value to civilization.

"From 1857 to 1861 the Professor devoted himself to unremitting toil and study, and the result was that his naturally delicate constitution was impaired by the great strain upon his mental powers. In 1861, just when the future was brightening with the promise of success, and when he thought his days of struggling were past, he was stricken with an illness from which he did not recover for five years. After his marriage, in 1862, to Miss Delia M. Sheppard, of Oberlin, and, with a view to the betterment of his health, Mr. Gray devoted himself for a time to farming as an occupation. This experience was disappointing, both in its financial results and in its effects upon his health, and he returned to his trade, working in Trumbull County, Ohio, until he was again prostrated by a serious illness. Following this, came two or three years of struggle and privation; of alternate hope and disappointment, during which he experimented with various mechanical and electrical devices, but was prevented by his straitened circumstances from making any headway in profitable invention. Pressed by his necessities, he was once or twice on the point of giving up his researches and investigations entirely and devoting himself to some ordinary bread-winning industry; but he was stimulated by his faithful and devoted wife and her mother, both of whom had an abiding faith in his genius, and who aided him in his work with all the means at their command, and to whose influence was largely due the fact that he continued his efforts in the field of invention.

"In 1867 a more prosperous era dawned upon him, with the invention of a self-adjusting telegraph relay, which, although it proved of no practical value, furnished the opportunity of introducing him to the late Gen. Anson Stager, of Cleveland, then General Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, who at once



became interested in him and furnished him facilities for experimenting on the company's lines. Professor Gray then formed a co-partnership with E. M. Barton, of Cleveland, for the manufacture of electrical appliances, during which time he invented the dial telegraph.

"In 1869 he removed to Chicago, where he continued the manufacture of electrical supplies, General Stager becoming associated with him. Here he perfected the type-printing telegraph, the telegraphic repeater, the telegraphic switch, the annunciator and many other inventions which have become famous within the short space of a few years. About 1872 he organized the Western Electrical Manufacturing Company, which is still in existence and is said to be the largest establishment of its kind in the world. In 1874 he retired from the superintendency of the electric company and began his researches in telephony, and within two years thereafter gave to the world that marvelous production of human genius, the speaking telephone. Noting one day, when a secondary coil was connected with the zinc lining of the bath tub, dry at the time, that when he held the other end of the coil in his left hand and rubbed the lining of the tub with his right, it gave rise to a sound that had the same pitch and quality as that of the vibrating contact-breaker, he began a series of experiments, which led first to the discovery that musical tones could be transmitted over an electrical wire. Fitting up the necessary devices, he exhibited this invention to some of his friends, and the same year went abroad, where he made a special study of acoustics and gave further exhibitions of the invention, which he developed into the harmonic, or multiplex, telegraph. While perfecting this device, in 1875, the idea of the speaking telephone suggested itself, and in 1876 he perfected this invention and filed his *caveat* in the Patent Office at Washington. That another inventor succeeded in incorporating into his own application for a telegraph patent an important feature of Professor Gray's invention, and that the latter was thereby deprived of the benefits which he should have derived therefrom, is the practically unanimous decision of many well informed as to

the merits of the controversy to which conflicting claims gave rise; and the leading scientists and scientific organizations of the world, according to a certain periodical, have accredited to him the honor of inventing the telephone. In recognition of his distinguished achievements, he was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor at the close of the Paris Exposition of 1878, and American colleges have conferred upon him the degrees of Doctor of Laws and Doctor of Science.

"For several years after his invention of the telephone he was connected with the Postal Telegraph Company, and brought the lines of this system into Chicago, laying them underground. He also devised a general underground telegraph system for the city, and then turned his attention to the invention of the 'telautograph,' a device with which the general public is just now becoming familiar through the public accounts of its operation. On March 21, 1893, the first exhibitions of the practical and successful operation of this wonderful instrument were given simultaneously in New York and Chicago, and on the same day the first telautograph messages were passed over the wires from Highland Park to Waukegan, Illinois. The exhibitions were witnessed by a large number of electrical experts, scientists and representatives of the press, who were unanimous in their opinion that Professor Gray's invention is destined to bring about a revolution in telegraphy.

"One of the beauties of electrical science is the expressiveness of its nomenclature, and among the many significant names given to electrical inventions none expresses more clearly the use and purpose of the instrument to which it is applied than the term, 'telautograph.' As its name signifies, it enables a person sitting at one end of the wire to write a message or a letter which is reproduced simultaneously in *fac simile* at the other end of the wire. It is an agent which takes the place of the skilled operator and the telegraphic alphabet. Any one who can write can transmit a message by this means, and the receiving instrument does its work perfectly, without the aid of an operator. The sender of the message may be identified by the *fac simile* of

his handwriting which reaches the recipient, and pen-and-ink portraits of persons may be as readily transmitted from one point to another as the written messages. In many respects the telautograph promises to be more satisfactory in its practical operations than the telephone. Communications can be carried on between persons at a distance from each other with absolute secrecy, and a message sent to a person in his absence from his place of business will be found awaiting him upon his return. These and many other advantages which the telautograph seems to possess warrant the prediction that in the not very distant future telautography will supplant in a measure both telephony and telegraphy. The transmitter and the receiver of the telautograph system are delicately constructed pieces of mechanism, each contained in a box somewhat smaller than an ordinary typewriter machine. The two machines are necessary at each end of a wire, and stand side by side. In transmitting a message an ordinary feed lead pencil is used. At the point of this is a small collar, with two eyes in its rim. To each of these eyes a fine silk cord is attached, running off at right angles in two directions. Each of the two ends of this cord is carried round a small drum supported on a vertical shaft. Under the drum, and attached to the same shaft, is a toothed wheel of steel, the teeth of which are so arranged that when either section of the cord winds upon or off its drum, a number of teeth will pass a given point, corresponding to the length of cord so wound or unwound. For instance, if the point of the pencil moves in the direction of one of the cords a distance of one inch, forty of the teeth will pass any certain point. Each one of these teeth and each space represents one impulse sent upon the line, so that when the pencil describes a motion one inch in length, eighty electrical impulses are sent upon the line. The receiving instrument is practically a duplicate of the transmitter, the motions of which, however, are controlled by electrical mechanism. The perfected device exhibited by Professor Gray, and now in operation, is the result of six years of arduous labor, an evolution to which the crude contrivance used in his earliest

experiments bears little resemblance. The manufacture of the instruments will be carried on by the Gray Electric Company, a corporation having offices in New York and Chicago and a large manufacturing establishment just outside the limits of the suburban village of Highland Park, Illinois, of which place Professor Gray has been for many years a resident. Here, in addition to his workshop and laboratory, the renowned inventor has a beautiful home, and his domestic relations are of the ideal kind.

"The title by which Professor Gray has been known for so many years came to him through his connection with Oberlin and Ripon (Wisconsin) Colleges as non-resident lecturer in physics, and his general appearance is that of the college professor or the profound student. He has none of the eccentricities which are the conspicuous characteristics of some of the great inventors of the age, and, when not absorbed in his professional work, he is delightfully genial and companionable.

"When the World's Congress of Electricians assembled in the new Art Institute in Chicago, on the 21st of August, 1893, there were gathered the most noted electricians of all the world. The congress was divided into two sections, one of which—termed the official section—was composed of representatives designated by the various Governments of Europe and the Americas, and was authorized to consider and pass upon questions relating to electrical measurement, nomenclature and various other matters of import to the electrical world. To the other section of the congress were admitted all professional electricians who came properly accredited, and they were permitted to attend the sessions and participate in the deliberations of the congress, although they were not allowed to vote on the technical questions coming before it.

"When it was determined that the convening of international congresses of various kinds should be made one of the leading features of the Columbian Exposition, a body, which became known as the World's Congress Auxiliary of the World's Columbian Exposition, was organized for the purpose of promoting and making all



necessary preparations for these gatherings. To Prof. Elisha Gray, of Chicago, this body assigned the task of organizing the congress of electricians, and placed upon him the responsibility of formulating the plans and making all initiatory preparations for what was, unquestionably, the most important and interesting convention of electricians ever held in this or any other country. While the Professor called to his assistance many distinguished members of his profession, by virtue of his official position, he was the central and most attractive figure in this great movement.

"Professor Gray is a member of the Union League Club of Chicago. Politically, he is a Republican. He has traveled extensively, not only in this country but throughout Europe. He is now in his sixty-first year, and he stands as an illustrious example of the general rule, for, although not yet an old man, he is one of the few prominent in the early days of electrical development who maintained their prominence and added to their reputation in the rapid strides which have been made during the last decade.

But few of the early workers in the electrical sciences have maintained their prominence in the later development. This is undoubtedly due to the lack of plasticity which is usually attributed to maturer years, the possession of which in younger men often gives them the advantage in the rush for supremacy in new adaptation and under ever-changing conditions. Where, however, this plasticity has been preserved during maturer years, as has been the case with the subject of this sketch, the maturer judgment and riper experience which those years have enabled him to bring to bear upon the newer problems have in many cases resulted in inventions and improvements of the utmost importance to mankind and the cause of civilization. Professor Gray is a man of fine personal appearance, pleasing address, commanding bearing, and a man who will attract attention in any assembly, and who, on account of his great electrical skill and general scientific attainments, and because of his pleasing and affable manner, has won for himself many friends and admirers."

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## DR. BENJAMIN C. MILLER.

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**D**R. BENJAMIN COKE MILLER, one of the most successful physicians and most highly respected citizens of Chicago, passed away at his home on Everett Avenue, in that city, June 25, 1891. He was descended from a long line of American ancestors, who were distinguished as physicians and gentlemen.

The founder of the family in this country was Adam Miller, who was born near Metz, France (now included in the German Empire), and from

whom the subject of this biography was a descendant in the eighth generation. He settled with his family in Frederick, Maryland, and became a large planter. He was noted as a man of wealth, culture and refinement, and held many slaves. These were liberated by his bequest on his death, and their loss at that time almost beggared his heirs; but they honored his behest. The family continued to reside in Maryland for several generations. The great-grandfather of



Dr. Benjamin C. Miller moved to Shelbyville, Kentucky, where his son, Dr. Henry Miller, became an extensive planter. The latter was a tall and fine-appearing man, a noted physician and a man of affairs. He died at Shelbyville, of old age.

Dr. Jefferson Miller, son of the last-named, was born in Gallatin County, Kentucky, November 29, 1807, and was educated in Virginia. Through over-confidence in his friends, he lost much of his property, and then took up the study of medicine with Dr. Clarke, a noted physician of his native State. While still a young man, he settled in the practice of his profession at Rushville, Indiana, and became widely known for his skill in the healing art. He united with the Methodist Church there in 1839. As a Christian, he was liberal to all churches. As a citizen, he was public-spirited, and was much loved and respected by all. As a physician, he was unusually successful, and was a man of extraordinary worth and usefulness in all relations of life. November 20, 1832, he married Eliza A. Standford, of Greencastle, Indiana, and two of their children grew to maturity, namely: Dr. Benjamin C. and Henry Miller, the latter now a resident of Ladoga, Indiana. The father died at that place, November 5, 1885, and his wife survived him about five and one-half years, passing away in May, 1891.

Benjamin C. Miller was born April 30, 1846, in Rushville, Indiana, and went with his parents early in life to Montgomery County, in the same State, receiving his primary education at Ladoga. In the spring of 1862, when he was barely sixteen years of age, he ran away from school at Battle Ground, Indiana, and enlisted as a private in the Eleventh Indiana Cavalry, then in camp at Indianapolis, preparatory to service in the Civil War. As this enlistment was made without the consent of his father, the latter was enabled to claim him, which he did, and conducted the ambitious boy back to school. Before the father had reached home on the return from this duty, the son was again in camp, and he was this time permitted to have his way. He joined Company K, of the Eleventh Cavalry, of which

he was made Sergeant, and participated in the service of that organization until December 19, 1863, before the completion of his eighteenth year, when he was mustered out as a First Lieutenant.

One day soon after this, a handsome young man, some six feet, six and one-half inches in height, bronzed by exposure in the line of military duty, and dressed in the handsome uniform of a Lieutenant, called at the home of his parents in Ladoga. On learning the number of his regiment, they plied him with questions about Company K, and inquired if he knew young Benjamin Miller. He replied in the affirmative. At this moment his favorite dog came into the room, and, upon being spoken to by his young master, gave the most extravagant expressions of joy, bringing tears to the eyes of Mrs. Miller, who could scarcely forgive herself for failing to recognize her son until after this faithful animal had shown her his identity.

Entering Rush Medical College of Chicago, young Miller was graduated with honor on the 9th of February, 1869. He passed the competitive examination, and was appointed House Physician and Surgeon of Cook County Hospital, serving a year and a-half. He was then made County Physician, in which capacity he served two years. He was immediately made Superintendent of Public Charities, having charge of the County Hospital, Insane Asylum and Alms House. After filling this position about eighteen months, he was appointed Sanitary Superintendent of Chicago by Mayor Medill, and was continued in that office by Mayor Colvin. During this period he was very useful in the community by his skillful management of the cholera epidemic of 1873. In 1875 he was made Surgeon, with the rank of Major, on the staff of Gen. A. C. Ducat, Commander of the Illinois National Guard. In 1876 Dr. Miller resigned the position of Sanitary Superintendent and went abroad. He spent about a year in studying in hospitals at Aberdeen and Edinburgh, Scotland, and London, England. Returning to Chicago, with added knowledge from these observations, he was enabled to command a large share of the most difficult and re-

munerative medical and surgical practice of the then metropolitan city. In 1889 he was appointed by the United States Government a Pension Examiner, and continued to fulfill the duties of this position until his death.

December 24, 1872, Dr. Miller was married to Miss Etta Barnet, of Chicago. She, with one daughter, survives him. The latter, Miss Mary Etta Miller, is a bright Chicago girl. She is possessed of marked literary and artistic tastes, and her work as a pen-and-ink artist has attracted considerable attention. Mrs. Miller is a daughter of the late George Barnet, a sketch of whose

career will be found on another page of this work.

Dr. Miller's character was summed up in a few heartfelt and well-chosen words by his contemporary, Dr. Pagne, as follows: "A man of extraordinary talent and attainments was Dr. Miller. While City Physician, he inaugurated the system of newsboys' picnics and outings. His friends were many, by reason of his greatness of heart. Chicago loses a good citizen, and the profession an able member."

The last sad rites over his remains were conducted by South Park Masonic Lodge, and his body was interred in Oakwoods Cemetery.

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## JAMES M. HANNAHS.

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JAMES MONROE HANNAHS, one of the oldest residents of Chicago, having come here as early as 1836, is a descendant of an old and influential New England family, which originated in Ireland, the family name having been spelled in that country Hannah. The great-grandfather of James M. Hannahs was the first member of the family to leave his native land for the New World. He settled in Litchfield, Connecticut, where he was an active and influential citizen, and later became a zealous patriot. On the breaking out of the War of the Revolution, that contest with the Mother Country which tried the mettle of her sons so sorely, he made his adopted country's cause his own, and was made a member of the Committee of Safety formed at that time.

Daniel Hannahs, son of the foregoing, and the grandfather of the subject of this notice, was a soldier in the War of 1812. He was wounded at

the battle of Queenstown, and for his services enjoyed a pension from the Government until his death, which occurred in 1842. Leaving Connecticut, he moved with his family to central New York, settling in the wilderness near the Mohawk River. Undaunted in courage, and of a fine, soldierly physique, he was well fitted by nature for the Herculean task of founding a home in the primeval forests, and in his wife he found a willing helpmate. The latter was Elizabeth Gordon, a cousin of Lord George Gordon, the hero of the "Gordon Riots" of 1798, for his leadership in which he was imprisoned in London and tried for treason, but finally acquitted.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hannahs became the parents of four children, all sons: Chauncey, Marvin, William and Daniel. Of these, Marvin removed to Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan, in 1835, and became one of the leading men in that locality, and in later years his son George



was elected State Senator from Michigan. William, another son of Daniel Hannahs, became a prosperous woolen merchant of New York City. His son, a law student, immediately after his graduation from Yale College, raised a company of cavalry in New York City, in the first month after the Civil War opened, and took the field. He was made Captain of this company, but, sad to relate, was killed in Virginia, in May, 1861.

Chauncey Hannahs, the father of James Monroe, was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, in the year 1791, and removed with his parents to New York State, assisting his father in clearing up his farm. In later years, in this same locality, he engaged in the foundry business. In 1835 he removed to Wisconsin, then considered in the very far West, and located on Government land in Kenosha County, where the rest of his days were spent, his demise occurring in 1873, from old age. While living in New York State he had been Captain of an artillery company, and the title then gained he ever afterwards bore. In person large and strong, he delighted in outdoor pursuits, and the pioneer life which he chose on leaving his old home in the East was one well suited to him in every respect. In his early life he had been an ardent Whig, but on the formation of the two great parties of Republicans and Democrats, he allied himself with the latter, and proved an equally earnest champion of its principles. In his religious leanings he was a Presbyterian, his wife being of the same faith. The latter was born in the year 1793, in Oneida County, New York, a daughter of Enos Nichols, a pioneer of that county, where he lived in a covered wagon until he could erect for himself a house in the wilderness. He later became a pioneer of Lake County, Illinois, near the Wisconsin State line, and his family thus became neighbors of the Hannahs family.

Mrs. Chauncey Hannahs died on the old homestead in Kenosha County in 1882, also from old age. She had been the mother of seven children, as follows: Mrs. Ann Doolittle, William H., James M., Thomas J., Francis G., Frederick, and Adeline, who died at the age of fourteen years. A strange and shocking fatality occurred in this

family, no less than six deaths taking place within twenty-two months, three children dying within three days of each other. All who now survive are James M. and his brother, Francis G.

The subject of this sketch was born June 26, 1821, in Herkimer County, New York, and received a common-school education in a little schoolhouse on the banks of the historic Mohawk River. On leaving school he entered his father's foundry to learn the business, and after coming to Chicago he followed the trade of a foundryman in connection with a partner, the firm name being Hannahs & James. He continued thus engaged until he entered the employ of Wahl Brothers, manufacturers of glue, with whom he remained for twenty-five years, during part of that time representing the firm in New York City. After leaving Wahl Brothers he was actively engaged in promoting elevated railroads in Chicago, on a new principle.

July 3, 1851, in Cook County, Illinois, Mr. Hannahs married Miss Matilda Irish, a daughter of Perry Irish, and a native of Holley, New York. Several children were born of this marriage, but all died in infancy. Mrs. Hannahs died September 19, 1885, in Chicago.

Mr. Hannahs has been for over forty years a consistent member of the Baptist Church. In regard to politics he is a Republican, having been a stanch Abolitionist previous to the war. He is a strong believer in the efficacy of free silver, and champions his cause with great ardor. While in the employ of Wahl Brothers, his business led him to travel extensively throughout the United States, and he has hosts of friends up and down the country, as well as in Chicago. Like many other Chicago business men, he was at one time a farmer in Cook County, but he yielded to the superior attractions of city life and sold his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he had bought for \$3 per acre. He has many reminiscences of early days in Illinois, and has contributed many interesting articles to Chicago newspapers, describing the scenes and incidents of early days in this locality, and noting the stupendous changes wrought in the face of the country since he came here, a pioneer of 1836.



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## JACOB FORSYTH.

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**J**ACOB FORSYTH. In every community, no matter how small, the intelligent observer will find men who have risen above their fellows, both in fame and fortune, by sheer force of character and the ability to seize fortune at the tide. Though to the casual onlooker there often has seemed an element of "luck" in the chances of prosperity which have come to them, a closer observer will see that it has more often been the fortunate meeting of the man and the opportunity;—the opportunity may, perhaps, have occurred a hundred times before, but the man who should seize it, and by his ability and energy force results from it, has never before appeared.

Jacob Forsyth, an old resident of Chicago, and one of its leading citizens, exemplifies the truth of the foregoing in a marked degree. Born in the North of Ireland, of Scotch descent, he possesses those fortunate characteristics which have placed so many of his countrymen on the highroad to success—honesty, ambition, energy and resistless tenacity of purpose. Overlooking the daily discouragements, disappointments and hardships of their life, they keep ever before them the high object of their ambition; and if failure instead of success is their portion, it is through no weakening of their powers by self-indulgence or idle re-pining.

In the days of King James I. of England there sprang up a class of men known as "undertakers," who, in consideration of certain grants of land, undertook to locate a specified number of settlers upon the vast tracts of vacant ground in northern Ireland. It was at this time that a great emigration was made from Scotland to this region, and gave to the world that sturdy, industrious

and highly moral class of people called Scotch-Irish. Prior to the siege of Londonderry, an epoch in the history of northern Ireland, the ancestors of Jacob Forsyth settled in what is now the county of Londonderry. They were a rural people, and, as near as can be learned at the present time, were engaged in agriculture.

To John Forsyth and his wife, Margaret Cox, was born a son, whom they christened Jacob. The latter married Elizabeth Haslette, and their son John was the father of the subject of this sketch. John Forsyth married Mary Ann Kerr, a native of County Londonderry, who was the daughter of Alexander Kerr and Anne Osborne, the latter of English descent. The Kerrs were of Scotch lineage, and very early in Ireland. The parents of Alexander Kerr were Oliver and Elizabeth (Wilson) Kerr.

The father of Mr. Forsyth was an intelligent farmer, and the possessor of a small landed property. Anxious that his son should have the "schooling" which is the ambition of most of his countrymen, he sent him to a celebrated private academy, the principal of which was a famous Greek and Latin scholar and a renowned mathematician, in his vicinity. Possessing the studious inclination and the quick perceptions of an apt scholar, the youth profited greatly by his attendance here, and the proficiency he acquired in penmanship gained for him his first position in America.

Jacob Forsyth was born January 12, 1821, at the old town of Limavady, near the present railroad station and thriving village in County Londonderry, Ireland, known as Newtown, Limavady. Filled with the ambitious spirit which builds



cities and develops the commercial possibilities of the world, he set out for the United States at the age of fifteen years. Settling in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, he there first found employment as copying clerk and errand boy for the great commission and forwarding house of Forsyth & Company, a member of which firm was a near relative. The firm was the oldest commission house in the city, and owned a large fleet of steamers, running on various western rivers. In those days the copying book had not been invented, and all letters had to be copied by hand, and this work fell to young Forsyth. By the interest he took in his work, and the care with which everything entrusted to him to do was performed, he soon won his way into the confidence of his employers, and was promoted from one responsible position to another, until he had attained that of head bookkeeper.

Mr. Forsyth remained with Forsyth & Company for fifteen years altogether, and at the end of that time his abilities had become so well known outside of the concern that he was offered several other advantageous positions. Accepting one of these, he became the Through Freight Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with headquarters in Chicago, and by this means became a permanent resident of this city in 1857. After a few years' service in this capacity, he accepted the position of General Western Agent for the old 'Erie' Road.

About this time, his business giving him opportunities for observing the prevailing real-estate conditions, he became impressed with the excellent opportunities to buy land cheaply; and with a premonition of the growth of the city, and the consequent rise in land values, he resigned his position and began to invest largely in real estate. His wife had inherited a large amount of land in Lake County, Indiana, from her brother, George W. Clarke, who died in 1866, and to this Mr. Forsyth added by purchasing the holdings of small owners in the vicinity, until he had acquired ten thousand acres, a large estate for this land of comparatively small holdings. He had the shrewdness to buy this so as to form one immense tract, arguing that one large tract would

possess more value than the same amount in scattered portions. During subsequent years he experienced much annoyance and was caused many years' litigation in his efforts to expel squatters from the tract. They were very numerous around Lakes George and Wolf at the time, and their dislodgment was a matter of much difficulty. Mr. Forsyth was in litigation for five years before he finally obtained redress, and during this time read book after book on land decisions and the question of riparian rights, on which he is now one of the best-posted men in the country, and able to give information to many an intelligent attorney in that line of practice.

When, finally, a decree was pronounced in his favor, he sold eight thousand acres of his land to the East Chicago Improvement Company for one million dollars, one-third of which sum was paid down. The company, however, failed to meet subsequent payments, and as a compromise the present Canal and Improvement Company was formed in 1887. From this Mr. Forsyth accepted as reimbursement part cash, a large amount of bonds, and some stock in the company. In 1881 he bought another large tract on the lake shore, lying directly north of the present site of East Chicago, and in 1889 he sold a portion of this to the Standard Oil Company, and on it has since been built its large plant, known as Whiting. The limits of the city of Chicago having been extended to the Indiana line, across which lies Mr. Forsyth's land, the latter has been consequently enhanced in value, and has been greatly benefited thereby.

At Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Mr. Forsyth married Miss Caroline M. Clarke, daughter of Robert Clarke, of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, who has borne her husband nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom are living. The family occupies a handsome, comfortable house on Michigan Avenue, and the home is pervaded by an air of taste and refinement which is not always an element in the homes of the rich.

In politics Mr. Forsyth is a Republican, a staunch advocate of his party's men and principles, though, owing to the stress of his extensive business interests, he has never found it convenient

to take an active part in political affairs. Had he done so, and brought the same energy and discernment to bear that he has displayed in the management of his private interests, it is safe to say that he would have made his mark in the political world, as he has made it in the business affairs of his adopted city.

In appearance Mr. Forsyth is a large, well-

proportioned man, with a kindly, shrewd face, the true index of a man who has lived an honest, helpful and kindly life. Though bearing the weight of seventy-five years and the responsibilities which the possession of great wealth always brings, he is elastic in mind and body, and bids fair to live to an extreme old age.

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## TREAT T. PROSSER.

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TREAT T. PROSSER. There are few tasks more difficult than to sketch the life of an inventor. The world is so jealous of innovation and improvement upon established methods, so wedded to the past, and withal so disinclined to recognize the brilliancy of more practical genius, that the man who discovers deficiencies in practical mechanics and supplies them often goes to his grave unrewarded, even by the gratitude of the world he has benefited. He hears the name of the warrior, of the statesman, of the poet; even of the politician, in every household or business mart, but often his own, if mentioned at all, as of one who is building castles in the air.

But gifted innovators, while deeply feeling the lack of appreciation, have often adopted the sentiment of Keplar, who said: "My work is done; it can well wait a century for its readers, since God waited full six thousand years before there came a man capable of comprehending and admiring His work." Now and then, however, genius is so practical, and its fruits contrast so brilliantly with what has preceded, that it compels almost instantaneous recognition and homage, and among the fortunate possessors of the latter class was the subject of this article, the late Treat T. Prosser.

The Prossers are of Welsh descent, but the Treats, from whom Mr. Prosser was descended on the maternal side, were English. The first ancestors of the former family to come to America were two brothers, who came from Wales some time prior to the Revolutionary War, in which supreme contest two of their descendants participated, and one met his death. The family lived on Prosser Hill, just outside of Boston, and it was in the Prosser barn that the members of the historic Boston "tea party" disguised themselves as Indians, previous to throwing the tea overboard into Boston Harbor. Grandfather John Prosser was one of the two members of the family mentioned previously as having served in the struggle with the Mother Country. He married Bethia Truesdale, daughter of a Connecticut physician, and had eight sons and one daughter.

Of these children, Potter A. Prosser, the father of Treat T., married Eliza, a daughter of Timothy Treat, whose son, a physician, became famous through the services he rendered during the great cholera epidemic. The Treat family came from Pitminster, Somerset, England. Richard Treat was baptized in 1584. Among the prominent descendants are Gov. Robert Treat, and Rev. Samuel Treat, of Pitminster. The father's birth occurred August 11, 1793, and the mother



was born March 29, 1798. Their marriage was solemnized on the 5th of November, 1818, and of their union were born five children. The mother, a woman of many domestic virtues and lovable traits of character, died at the comparatively early age of fifty-five years, but the father lived to the great age of ninety-six.

Treat T. Prosser was born in the little town of Avon, New York, January 22, 1827. His youth and early manhood were passed in his native State, and his early education was received in its common schools. After reaching his majority he attended the academy at West Avon, feeling the need of a more thorough school training before starting out to earn his own way in life. Always handy in the use of tools, at the early age of fourteen he had been engaged at the trade of a millwright, in which he soon became a proficient workman. But while his hands were busily engaged at this work, his thoughts were wandering out upon the whole broad domain of mechanical science, and his studies at the academy were for the purpose of fitting himself for the career to which all his talents and his inclinations urged him.

From the young millwright developed an inventor of agricultural implements of great value; of a superior system of machinery for the manufacture of bolts; of universally recognized improvements upon steam engines; of a practical and widely used machine for pegging boots; of coal machinery; of the Prosser Cylinder Car, and of many other mechanical devices, which either are now, or will become in the future, of great benefit to mankind. He drew the plans for the Chicago Hydraulic Company, which built the first water-works system in Chicago.

In 1851 Mr. Prosser came to Chicago, and the wisdom of his choice of a location was demonstrated long ago. No other city has ever opened such welcoming arms to men of genius as has she, nor out of her own prosperity rewarded them so bountifully. The great fire of 1871 found him among its victims, and he lost the greater part of the accumulations of years; but financial loss is one of the minor evils to a man who has within himself the power to mould, in a great measure,

his own destiny, and is no mere inert mass, lying helpless under the buffetings of the winds of ill-fortune. The energy which was one of the marked points in his character asserted itself, and his days were ended in the prosperity he deserved.

From 1851 until the date of his death, December 11, 1895, Mr. Prosser made Chicago his home, with the exception of two years spent in the Rocky Mountains, six years in Boston, and a short vacation spent in Europe. He was the first man to introduce the steam engine and the quartz-mill into the Rockies, the engine being constructed of material shipped from the East, the boiler being literally built in that wild region. While in Europe he was elected a member of the Society of Mechanics of England and Scotland, an honor which speaks of his high merits as a mechanical engineer.

In West Bloomfield, New York, September 26, 1849, Mr. Prosser married Miss Lucy J. Phillips, and of their union two children were born: Henry Blinn Prosser, of Chicago; and Mary Augusta, wife of Oscar E. Poole, of Lakeside, Illinois. Mrs. Prosser was the daughter of Isaac Webster Phillips, a relative of the famous Webster family, his mother being a sister of Noah Webster's father. Isaac Phillips was a native of Hartford, Connecticut, but removed to West Bloomfield, where he served as Justice of the Peace, and was commonly known as Judge Phillips. He came to Chicago late in life, and died at the home of Mrs. Prosser, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, whose maiden name was Laura Miller, reached the advanced age of ninety-two years.

Closely wedded to his profession, Mr. Prosser generally refused the responsibilities of official positions, but made an exception to this rule after the Great Fire, when he acted as superintendent of the distribution of food to the destitute in Districts Four and Five. These duties he filled in an energetic and impartial manner, which accorded well with the other actions of his well-spent life. In his politics he voted with the Republican party.

Oscar E. Poole, who married Mr. Prosser's only daughter, was born January 18, 1857, in Will



County, Illinois, and is a son of Ezra and Eliza Treat Poole, pioneers in Will County, where they settled in 1850. He received his principal education in Joliet, where his guardian lived. His father died when he was but one and a-half years old, and his mother died when he was ten years old. His boyhood was spent in Joliet. At the age of eighteen years he became a clerk in his uncle's store, and three years later became a partner. At the age of twenty-two he entered the employ of the State, in the capacity of storekeeper

at the State Penitentiary, remaining a number of years in that position. From there he went to Chicago, where he first started a milk business and then became a traveling salesman for Kinney & Company, and, later, their manager. He finally bought out the business, and it is now conducted under the name of Poole & Company. Mr. Poole was married, February 27, 1885, to Miss Mary Augusta Prosser, who is the mother of four children now living: Edward Prosser, Helen Irene, Lucy Eliza and Malcolm Alan Poole.

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## PROF. JAMES W. LARIMORE.

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JAMES WILSON LARIMORE, who died suddenly of heart failure at his home in Chicago, May 30, 1894, was for many years prominent in the literary, social and religious work of the city. He was born in Steubenville, Ohio, May 6, 1834, and was a son of Joseph and Mary Jane (Wilson) Larimore, both also natives of that place. The earliest progenitors of the family known were French Huguenots, who fled from their native land after the cruel revocation of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV., locating in Scotland. There the name was difficult of pronunciation on the Scotch tongue, and from "Laird o' the Moor," the name gradually came to its present form.

The first settlement of the family in America was made in Chester County, Pennsylvania, where David Larimore, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born March 31, 1782. For many generations the Larimores had been distinguished for literary tastes and attainments, and David Larimore was no exception to the rule. He was a man of affairs, and conserved

the family estates, which were considerable. He died at Norristown, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1857, having almost completed his seventy-fifth year.

James Wilson, father of Mrs. Mary J. Larimore, came of a Scotch-Irish family, which has borne a prominent part in the literary and social life of the United States, furnishing many notable statesmen, attorneys and generals to the Nation. This family is also a strong factor in the literary life of America, and Professor Larimore inherited talents from both lines of ancestors.

The youth of the latter was spent at Niles, Michigan, whither his parents removed when he was two years old. He early manifested a fondness for books, and most of his life up to the age of twenty-six years was spent in school. He was sent, in 1852, to Olivet Institute, in Eaton County, Michigan. Having an uncle in the faculty of the Hampton and Sidney College in southern Virginia, he was induced to go there. He remained some time, but the climate did not

agree with him. Consequently, he decided to finish his education at the North. He took a course at the University of New York City, which graduated him in the Class of 1860. He had a thorough theological education, having spent a year at Union Theological Seminary, later taking a full course at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, preparatory to entering the Presbyterian ministry. He preached most of the time, supplying different churches during the latter part of his theological studies, his first regular "call" being to one of the largest and most important churches at that time in Albany, New York, the Third Dutch Reformed. He had, however, a decided preference for life in the growing West, and became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Under his able ministry, this soon became the largest society of that denomination west of the Mississippi River. In 1863 he accepted the Chaplaincy of the Ninth Iowa Cavalry, at the earnest solicitation of his particular friend, Adjutant-General Baker, of Iowa, and at once went into the field with the regiment, spending most of the time in the Department of Little Rock, Arkansas, being Post Chaplain at De Valls Bluff. Just before the death of President Lincoln, in 1865, he was by him brevetted Major, and also assigned to the position of Hospital Chaplain in the regular United States army. He resigned his position at De Valls Bluff, as he had been ordered to report for duty at Webster Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, in April, 1865. Owing to the uncertainty of the mails, he did not receive his papers until several days after the President's assassination.

At the close of the war Professor Larimore came to Chicago, and in the fall of 1865 was installed as pastor of the Seventh (now Westminster) Presbyterian Church of this city, which position he filled for something over two years. In the mean time he did much literary work, and for a period gave his exclusive attention to this congenial labor. He developed a great aptitude for journalism, and was offered the position of city editor of the Chicago *Evening Journal* in the spring of 1871, and accepted. He discharged the

duties of this responsible charge with marked ability and success for three years.

On the fatal ninth of October, 1871, when the *Journal* office was a ruin through the historic "great fire," Mr. Larimore gave a characteristic exhibition of energy and perseverance. With the aid of the editor-in-chief, Hon. Andrew Shuman, an edition of the *Journal* was produced on a hand press, which they secured in a job-office on the West Side; and with the flames threatening to consume the building over their heads, the paper was issued at the usual hour of publication—being the only representative of the Chicago daily press put forth on that day.

The numerous writings and publications of Professor Larimore had attracted the notice of the University of Chicago, and in March, 1874, he was elected to the professorship of physics in that institution. In consequence of this, he resigned his connection with the *Journal* May 2 of that year. He did not, however, enter upon the duties assigned him at the university, but later on accepted a similar position at the Cook County Normal School at Englewood. In September, 1878, he was elected teacher of physics and chemistry at the North Division High School of Chicago. He entered at once upon his duties, and continued to fill the chair for eleven consecutive years, with great credit to himself and the school, making many devoted friends among his pupils.

Before coming West Professor Larimore was married, at Hudson, New York, to Miss Katie Hoysratt, a beautiful and talented young lady, who died in Chicago in 1865. Her remains, with those of their two little boys, rest in the cemetery at Niles, Michigan.

In 1867 he was again married, by Reverend Doctors Humphrey and Harsha, to Miss Hattie Stevens, of Chicago, the soprano singer of his church choir. She was born in Strykersville, Wyoming County, New York, being the youngest of the three daughters of the late Ira Stevens of that town. In the year 1854, while she was a small child, the family went to St. Charles, Kane County, Illinois. Her father, a talented singer, died very suddenly of cholera the day following



their arrival, which was during the great epidemic of that year. Her mother, Percy Talmage Hotchkiss, a refined Christian lady, was born near New Haven, Connecticut. She died in April, 1888, leaving her six children, and many friends, to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Larimore received her education in the high school at St. Charles, finishing it in Chicago, where the greater part of her life has been spent. Possessing marked musical talent, she devoted most of her time to its development, which brought her some distinction. At one time, while a young lady, she was urgently solicited to enter upon an operatic career. She was turned from that course by conscientious scruples. Aside from her musical talent, she is a lady of much culture and pleasing personality, and was ever a true helpmeet and companion to her talented husband in all his labors. Three bright children were given to Mr. and Mrs. Larimore, all of whom are now deceased. Hattie Gertrude, the eldest, passed away at the age of two years. Paul, a promising lad, reached the

age of ten years, and was the subject of a most touching and beautiful obituary from the pen of Dr. Nixon, of the *Inter Ocean*. Blanche died in infancy. The remains of the husband and father and their three children lie buried at Rose Hill.

During his ministry in Chicago, Professor Larimore preached many quite noted sermons, one of the most marked being what was called by the daily papers his "Crosby Opera House sermon." He also preached the sermon at the installation of the late Professor David Swing, who was loved by so large a number of the leading citizens of Chicago. At the time of his death these two ministers were the only surviving members of the original Presbytery of the city. Professor Larimore was ever active in good works, always having the welfare of his kind at heart, but "God's finger touched him and he slept." The following lines express but feebly the high opinion in which he was held by his friends:

"To know him was to love him,  
None named him but to praise."

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## CAPT. CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON.

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**C**APT. CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON, one of the old landmarks of Chicago, who arrived in this city as long ago as 1838, was a native of the little kingdom of Denmark, and was born near Copenhagen, October 3, 1819, his parents being natives of the same locality. His father was killed by an accident before Christopher was a year old, and the latter was bound out to a farmer on the island of Als. Imbued with the strong love of the sea which has filled so many of his countrymen and made them famous as sailors the world over, at the early age of fourteen years he shipped at Sonderburg, Denmark, on board an ocean

vessel, and within the next two or three years had sailed around the globe. In the winter of 1837 he found himself in the city of New Orleans, and, having long desired to verify the statements he had heard of the advantages America offered to industrious, enterprising youth of all nations, he left his ship, and started for the heart of the country. After reaching St. Louis, he went to Peoria, in this State, whence, by means of a hired team, he reached this city.

Mr. Johnson's employment after reaching what was then the muddy little village at the mouth of the Chicago River was as a member of a survey-



ing party; but he served thus only a short time, and soon after sought the more familiar and congenial life of a sailor on the Great Lakes. On one occasion, while on a trip on one of the Lower Lakes, on a vessel called the "Maria Hilliard," he was shipwrecked and met with other mishaps. But on the whole fortune favored him; and after a few years' service as a common sailor, he was able to buy a small schooner, the "Helena," and took charge of her as captain. In 1849, while coming with a cargo of bricks from Little Fort, near Kenosha, the "Helena" was sunk near the Rush Street Bridge. On her voyage to Chicago, she had sprung a leak, but by the efforts of the captain and crew, she had been kept afloat until the city was reached. After raising his vessel, Captain Johnson sailed her for some time longer, but in 1853 concluded to give up sailing for good. His life on the lakes had given him a pretty fair insight into the lumber business, and in this he embarked, remaining thus engaged until the Great Fire, when, in common with innumerable others, he lost almost his entire savings. Fortunately, however, he did not lose his residence, which was then on the West Side. He was the owner of a farm at Lemont, and he moved his family there for a time. His handsome new farmhouse was destroyed by fire two years later, and he built another.

Captain Johnson had married in 1849, and for the next twelve years he reared his children on the farm. He retained the real estate he had owned in Chicago previous to the fire, and had added to it, and at the end of the twelve years he removed his wife and family to the city, finding here greater scope for himself and promise of future occupation for his sons. His property interests increased to such an extent that his time was fully taken up in managing his private affairs, and he never entered any other business. During all his life in Chicago he lived on the North Side, where he was universally known and popular with all. He built his first home on the corner of Ohio and Market Streets, a spot which he then considered the most prepossessing in the city. His objection to the South Side was due to its mud, that portion of the city being

almost impassable in the early days on account of its level. At one time he intended to buy the land on which the Briggs House now stands, but after considerable deliberation concluded the site was too muddy, a succession of mud holes having to be crossed to reach it.

Captain Johnson's widow, who yet survives, was previous to her marriage Miss Emily Raymond, a daughter of John and Louise Raymond. She is a native of Copenhagen, and was born September 1, 1833. At the age of ten years she came to America with her father, who was a ship-carpenter. He followed the lakes until his death, which resulted from an accident he met with while in the pursuit of his calling, being caught and crushed between two ships. His death occurred some months later, at the age of forty-five years, August 11, 1853. Mrs. Johnson's marriage occurred in Du Page County, this State, near Naperville, December 9, 1849, and resulted in the birth of thirteen children, of whom the following are living: Maria Louise, Mrs. A. Nelson, of Chicago; Lena Amelia, Mrs. John S. Lee, of Lemont; Evelyn, Mrs. D. T. Elston, of Chicago; Henry W., living in Socorro, New Mexico; Benjamin Franklin, of Pomeroy, Washington; Charles Christopher and George W. Johnson, of this city.

In politics Captain Johnson was an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and his party's candidates were never defeated by his failure to do his duty at the polls. During the early years of the Civil War he served as Collector of the North Town, but a naturally retiring and modest disposition kept him from ever being conspicuous in politics. In religious faith he accorded with the Lutheran Church. The respect in which he was held was shown at the time of his death, which occurred September 28, 1895, within a week of his seventy-sixth birthday anniversary. He had been an enthusiastic member of Cleveland Lodge of the Chicago Freemasons, in which he was initiated June 11, passed July 7, and raised October 13, 1859, and his fellow Masons attended his funeral in a body. His early life had been full of incident and adventure, but his later years found him quietly fulfilling the duties of a self-respecting, honorable life.

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## HART L. STEWART.

**G**EN. HART LE LAC STEWART, who was very prominent in the development of Michigan and Illinois, a participator in the Black Hawk War, and a leading citizen of Chicago for a generation, came of the sturdy stock which paved the way for and was active in the civilization of many of the eastern States of this country. He was born in Bridgewater, Oneida County, New York, August 29, 1803, and died in Chicago May 23, 1882.

The name indicates the Scotch origin of his ancestry, but the date of their transplanting to America is not known. From the recollections of General Stewart, published by him at the request of his family, it is learned that his grandparents, Samuel Stewart and Patience Hungerford, lived in Tolland County, Connecticut. The latter was, undoubtedly, of English lineage. She died many years before her husband, who passed away in 1816, at the age of eighty-two years. They had nine children, and the second, William, was the father of the subject of this biography.

William Stewart was born in 1772, in Connecticut, and was an early settler in the Territory of Michigan. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and also served in the militia regiment, commanded by his son, which went from Michigan to aid in suppressing the Indians under Black Hawk in 1832. He was married at Mansfield, Windham County, Connecticut, in 1795, to Miss Validia Turner, eighth of the ten children of Timothy and Rachel (Carpenter) Turner, of Mansfield. Timothy Turner was born August 18, 1757, in Willington, Connecticut, which was also the native place of his wife. The latter died in Mansfield Center, Windham County, Con-

necticut, June 22, 1799. They were married August 20, 1776. Timothy Turner was a soldier of the Revolution, serving in the "Lexington Alarm Party" from Mansfield, Connecticut. He was the son of Stephen, third and youngest son of Isaac Turner, born in Bedford, Massachusetts, whose father came from England. Rachel Carpenter's parents were James and Irene (Ladd) Carpenter. The former was a son of Ebenezer Carpenter and Eunice Thompson. Ebenezer, born in Coventry, Connecticut, as was his son, was the son of Benjamin Carpenter and Hannah, daughter of Jedediah Strong. Benjamin was the tenth child of William Carpenter and Priscilla Bonette. The former was one of the four children of William Carpenter, who came from Southampton, England, in the ship "Bevis" in 1638, and settled in Rehoboth, Massachusetts. (See biography of Benjamin Carpenter in this volume.)

When Hart L. Stewart was twelve years old, his father moved to Batavia, Genesee County, New York, where he purchased land of the Holland Land Company, and the son helped to clear this ground of timber. When seventeen years old the latter went into the office of David D. Brown, at Batavia, to study law. At the end of a year he was forced, by lack of means, to take some remunerative employment, and after vainly seeking a situation as school teacher, in which he hoped to be able to continue his legal studies, he engaged as clerk in a store in Oneida County with an uncle. Through the recommendation of the latter, at the end of a year he was employed by a merchant named Blair in Rochester, New York. After four months' service at Rochester, he was sent by Mr. Blair to open a branch store

at Lyons, New York, where he continued in charge until the fall of 1822.

He now determined to engage in business on his own account, and, securing the assistance of his brother, George Stewart, opened a store at Lockport, New York, where a successful trade was carried on, they having the benefit of credit with Mr. Blair and other Rochester merchants. In 1823 Hart L. Stewart took a sub-contract to finish the work of Judge Bates on the Erie Canal, which he completed, with a fair profit, the next year. These facts indicate that the young man had developed good business qualifications, which attracted the favorable notice and assistance of influential men.

Having now gained a practical experience in canal construction, he sent his brother, Alanson C. Stewart, who had become associated with him in the mean time, to Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1824, to secure a contract on the Ohio Canal. Hart L. had become engaged in the lumber business at Niagara, New York, and continued it until November, 1825, being at the same time interested in the Ohio contract which his brother secured. They next contracted to execute sections on the western end of the Pennsylvania Canal, and in November, 1826, took the contract to bore a tunnel for the canal on the Cone-maugh River. This was finished in 1829, and was the first tunnel of its kind in the United States. Among those connected with the canal enterprise, they were known as the "boy contractors," the elder brother but twenty-four years old; but they were credited, and justly, with superior practical knowledge. They were the first to introduce the method of securing light by means of reflecting mirrors placed at the mouths of the tunnel. Work was prosecuted from both ends, night and day, and its completion was regarded as one of the greatest achievements of the age, and the subject of this notice was furnished with some very flattering letters when he left Pennsylvania.

Having made a considerable profit from his contracts, he now resolved to invest some of it in lands, before engaging in further ventures, and with that end in view, took a trip of exploration

through Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, which occupied three months. He purchased about one thousand acres on White Pigeon and Sturgis Prairies, in St. Joseph County, Michigan.

Another plan which had for some time been considered was now consummated, and on the fifth of February, 1829, he was married to Miss Hannah Blair McKibbin, of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. In September of the same year they set out for their new home in Michigan. At the end of a six-weeks journey from Pittsburgh, they arrived at White Pigeon, November 7, 1829, and here a log cabin was erected. After making further provisions for a home, young Stewart went to Detroit and presented to Governor Lewis Cass his letters of introduction. These were from Governor Porter, Senators Blair and Lacock, Judge William Wilkins and James S. Stevenson, President of the Canal Board, of Pennsylvania, all of whom Governor Cass characterized as his personal friends.

In the spring of 1830 the Governor sent to Mr. Stewart a commission as Colonel of Militia, and a year later appointed him one of the commissioners to locate the county seats of St. Joseph and Cass Counties. At this time, the entire population of Michigan, including Detroit, the chief city of the West, numbered but a few thousand whites. Through the influence of Colonel Stewart, a post route was established by the Government to supply the few scattered settlements extending from Detroit toward Chicago. The two Stewart brothers before named were the contractors for carrying the mails once in two weeks, which was accomplished on horseback, over a region where one hundred tons are now carried daily. Hart L. Stewart was made Postmaster at Mottville, with the franking privilege, and his own letters and papers constituted the bulk of the mail at his office. In 1832 he was appointed Judge of the County Court by Governor Porter, and the next year he was commissioned Circuit Judge, in which capacity he officiated the next three years.

In 1836 Judge Stewart was elected a member of the Second Constitutional Convention, which was called to fix the southern boundary of the



State of Michigan to correspond with the line as established when Indiana and Ohio were admitted to the Union. By this convention he was sent to Washington to secure, if possible, the admission of the State with boundary as established by the ordinance ceding the Northwest Territory to the United States, and including Michigan City and Maumee City. That he did not succeed is a matter of history, but the State secured, in offset, all of what is now known as the Northern Peninsula of Michigan. On this mission Judge Stewart formed the acquaintance of many of the leading men of the Nation at that time.

On his return home, Judge Stewart found that the Legislature had chosen him Commissioner of Internal Improvements, and in this capacity he took charge of the survey of the St. Joseph River for slack-water navigation, and also of the Central Railroad. The latter was partially built by the State, and then turned over to the Michigan Central Railroad Company. In 1838 he received the commission of Brigadier-General, commanding the Fourteenth Brigade, Michigan Militia. When the Indians, under Black Hawk, threatened to kill or drive out the settlers in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin, the Government requested the Governor of Michigan to send volunteers to the rescue. General Stewart was ordered by Governor Porter to raise a regiment as soon as possible, and this was found an easy task, as volunteers, from the age of sixteen to sixty, were numerous. The service lasted about six months, and Colonel Stewart's regiment included his brothers, A. C. Stewart, as Commander of a company; Samuel M. Stewart, as Lieutenant of another; besides two other brothers and his father as volunteers. The latter was especially valuable as a drill master, on account of his previous service in the War of 1812. He was now sixty years of age.

In June, 1836, General Stewart attended the letting of the construction contracts on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, and contracted for a large amount of deep-rock work near Lockport. He had as partners A. S. Stewart, Lorenzo P. Sanger, James Y. Sanger, and others, who took personal charge of the work, while he continued in charge

of his personal and official interests in Michigan. In 1840 the inability of the State to meet its financial obligations compelled the contractors to abandon the work, at great loss, and ruin in many cases. About this time General Stewart took up his residence in Chicago, and in 1842 he was elected a member of the Legislature, and was active in securing the acceptance of the foreign bondholders' proposition to complete the canal. None of the contractors had ever received anything for their losses previous to that time. While on a trip to Canada to secure workmen for the canal in 1839, General Stewart was placed in arrest, under the impression that he was a spy in the interest of the "Patriot War." Through the influence of friends, his mission was made known to the Canadian authorities, and he was discharged and furnished every facility for carrying out his business. From 1845 to 1849, under the administration of President Polk, General Stewart served as Postmaster at Chicago, being the first presidential appointee in that office.

He now turned his attention to railroad construction, and became interested in some of the largest contracts ever given in the West to a single firm. The history of these undertakings is fully related in this volume in the biography of James Y. Sanger, who was associated with General Stewart in this work, and need not be repeated here. During the progress of their work, in partnership with several others, they became proprietors of the Rhode Island Central Bank, and this, in common with many others, was wrecked by the financial upheaval of 1857, though its proprietors were enabled to close up its affairs honorably and with little loss to themselves.

General Stewart became a member of the Masonic fraternity in 1824, and subsequently took all the chapter and encampment degrees and several others. In political sentiment, he was a Democrat. He was one of the few brave spirits who stood with Stephen A. Douglas at North Market Hall, on the evening of September 1, 1854, when a mob of political opponents refused to let the "Little Giant" be heard, and even threatened him with bodily harm. In religious



faith, General Stewart was a true "neighbor," a Presbyterian, and for forty years rarely failed to listen to Rev. Dr. Patterson's sermons in the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago. He was an able leader, quiet and gentle in his manners, sociable and genial, making his home a happy place for the frequent reunions of a large and interesting circle of friends.

On the 12th of February, 1849, authority was granted by the State to five individuals, one of whom was Hart L. Stewart, to incorporate the Chicago Gas Light and Coke Company, which was granted the exclusive right to supply gas to the city of Chicago for ten years. Before the close of the next year, the streets of the city and many private buildings were for the first time illuminated by gaslight. In 1857 General Stewart was Vice-President of the Great Western Insurance Company, with a capital of half a million dollars, and office at No. 160 South Water Street. The Stewart Building, at the northwest corner of State and Washington Streets (which was torn down in 1896, to make way for one of Chicago's famous high office buildings), was the fourth structure erected by General Stewart on that spot—the first one having been for many years his family home.

Hannah Blair McKibbin, wife of General Stewart, was descended from old and honorable families. Her maternal grandfather, William Nelson, was a brother of the famous Admiral Horatio Nelson, the hero of Trafalgar. His wife

was Mary Harvey, and their children were William, James and Mary Esther. William Nelson, senior, died in 1803, at which time his daughter was about fifteen years old. She married Col. James McKibbin, of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and their eldest daughter, Hannah B., became the wife of General Stewart, as before related, and the mother of the following children: Mary Esther, Frances Validia, Amelia Mott, Catherine E., Jane, Anna Waldo, Hannah McKibbin and Helen Wolcott. The first married Henry A. Clark in 1850, and both are now deceased, being survived by a son, Stewart Clark, of Chicago. The second died at St. Louis, Missouri, while the wife of Watson Matthews, leaving one child, Fannie V. Matthews. Amelia and Catherine died in childhood. Jane Stewart married John C. Patterson, and died in 1875, leaving a son, Stewart Patterson. Hannah McKibbin is the wife of George Sydney Williams, of Chicago. The youngest is the wife of Lorenzo M. Johnson, manager of the Mexican International Railroad.

Mary C. McKibbin, sister of Mrs. Stewart, married James Y. Sanger, whom she survives, and is among the most interesting surviving pioneers of Illinois. She is spoken of by General Stewart as the "Daughter of the Regiment," during the campaign against Black Hawk. She was then a miss of fourteen years, and ready to ride on any expedition, carrying dispatches and otherwise aiding in conveying information.

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## JAMES H. RICE.

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JAMES HARLOW RICE, one of the oldest and most highly respected business men of Chicago, passed away at his home on Michigan Avenue, in that city, February 6, 1896. He was born in Tompkins County, New York, in 1830. His parents, Asa and Polly (Reed) Rice, were natives of Massachusetts, and settled

in New York in 1811, shortly after their marriage. Asa Rice was a prosperous farmer, well known and esteemed for his great moral worth. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church and active in good works. They attained a venerable age, the former dying when eighty years old, and the latter at seventy-five.

Mr. Rice was an "old-line" Whig, and in later life became a Republican. His nine children reached mature years, and three came West, namely, Henry, Columbus T. and James H. Rice. The first two are now residents of Adair County, Missouri. Columbus Titus Rice came with his brother to Chicago in June, 1854, and proceeded to Missouri four years later, and has resided there ever since. In early life he was a carpenter, and worked at that occupation while a resident of Chicago. On going to Missouri he engaged in farming, but is now retired from active life. He was married in New York in 1855 to Miss Catherine Wickoff, who is still his companion on life's journey. They are the parents of six children, namely: Edward, Flora, Mary, Elizabeth, Charles, Augusta and James.

James H. Rice was also a carpenter, and very early after arriving in Chicago began contracting for the erection of buildings. Among the structures erected by him were the old Tremont House and the Commercial Hotel. He built the first structure put up after the fire of 1871, which was located on Quincy Place. From 1856 to 1878 he was associated in this business with Mr. Ira Foote, with whom he was acquainted in early life in New York.

In 1872 he engaged in the plate and window-glass trade, and built up an extensive and prosperous business. This passed into the control of an incorporated company, known as the James H. Rice Company, of which he was President. He also became President of the Stewart Estep Glass Company, which engaged in the manu-

facture of glass at Marion, Indiana. Both these institutions were flourishing at the time of his death. In trade circles for years he had been a leader, and his counsel had ever been sought and his sterling qualities of mind and heart thoroughly appreciated. Among Mr. Rice's personal friends was the late Cyrus H. McCormick, for whom he did much work during his building career. He was widely known during the early days in Chicago, and was esteemed and respected by all classes of citizens.

In 1876 he was married to Miss Margaret Susan Gilliland, a native of Ohio, at that time a resident of Perry, Iowa. She died February 4, 1896. During the last eighteen years of her life she had been an invalid. In life they were together and in death not divided. No children blessed their union, but his wife was ever to him his child and care, and his devotion in this relation was most beautiful. The double funeral from their late home was conducted by Rev. J. L. Withrow, a personal friend of Mr. Rice, with whom he was for some time associated on the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Hospital. He spoke feelingly of the man and woman and their works, aims and ideas. The remains were laid away in Oakwoods Cemetery, the active pallbearers being workmen in the employ of the James H. Rice Company. By Mr. Rice his employes were ever considered as his "boys." Some of these "boys" are men, aged and gray, who had been in his service for a quarter of a century, and all of them will miss his kindly, genial presence.

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## ENOC H W. EVANS.

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**E**NOC H WEBSTER EVANS, who for a score of years ranked as a leading member of the Chicago Bar, was born at Fryeburg, Maine, in 1817, and died in Chicago, September 2, 1879. He was one of eleven children born to

Capt. William and Anna Evans, further notice of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume, in connection with the biography of Dr. Moses Evans.

Enoch W. Evans received his early education



at Fryeburg Academy and Waterville College, in his native State. Later he went to Dartmouth College, where he pursued a classical course, and graduated with the Class of 1838. He then engaged in teaching at Hopkinton, New Hampshire, and simultaneously began to read law in the office of Judge Chase, a noted jurist of that State.

In 1840 Mr. Evans came to Chicago, where he was admitted to the Bar during the same year, soon after removing to Dixon's Ferry, Illinois, remaining at that place two or three years. Thence he went to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he practiced his profession until 1858. At that date he again located in Chicago, and was engaged in general practice in this city up to the time of his death. During this time he tried many important cases, which he managed with marked ability, gaining a numerous and profitable clientage.

On the 16th of September, 1846, Mr. Evans was married, Miss Caroline Hyde, of Darien, New York, becoming his wife. Mrs. Evans, who is a daughter of James Hyde, still survives, at the venerable age of seventy-four years, making her home in Chicago. She is the mother of four living children: William W., a prosperous attorney at Chicago; Lewis H., a civil engineer, at present connected with the track elevation of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway in Chicago; Carrie, Mrs. William L. Adams, and Mary W., the two latter also residents of Chicago.

Mr. Evans was a gentleman of quiet, unostentatious habits, and gave but little heed to public affairs. He confined his labors and attention almost exclusively to professional subjects, and achieved an enviable standing among his contemporaries, which justly entitles this brief record of his life to a place among the annals of his adopted home.

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## JOHN DICKINSON.

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JOHN DICKINSON, a highly successful operator upon the Chicago Board of Trade, residing at Evanston, was born in the historic old town of Deerfield, Massachusetts, November 21, 1855, and is a son of Philander P. and Mary A. (Feeney) Dickinson.

The Dickinsons were among the earliest Colonial families of Massachusetts. Philander R. Dickinson, the grandfather of the subject of this notice, was a wholesale and retail shoe dealer in New York City for many years. He attained the great age of ninety-eight years, dying at Springfield, Massachusetts.

Philander P. Dickinson became an extensive manufacturer of brooms at Springfield, and had at one time the largest factory in that State. This establishment was destroyed by fire, inflicting upon Mr. Dickinson a financial loss which he was never able wholly to retrieve. In 1860 he removed to Iowa, locating first at Claremont,

and settling later at McGregor. At the latter point he again engaged in the manufacture of brooms, and built up a fair business. On account of failing health, he retired from active business about 1865, and returned to the East. The last ten years of his life were passed at Norwalk, Florida, where he died in 1884, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and a steadfast Republican.

Mrs. Mary A. Dickinson died at Evanston in 1878, aged forty-nine years. She was born in New York City, her parents being of Irish descent. Her father was a wholesale shoe merchant in that city. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Her children are named and reside as follows: Millie D., Mrs. Julius Ball, Montague, Massachusetts; Mary J., and Delia, wife of F. H. Bennett, Chicago; John, Evanston; Hattie M., Denver, Colorado.

John Dickinson was a small boy when the fam-



ily came West, and he received his education at the Evanston High School. He began his business career in a furniture store, and established himself in business as a shoe dealer at Evanston, with success. In 1879 he sold out and joined the Chicago Board of Trade, with which he has ever since been identified. He was among the younger members of that body, but soon demonstrated his capability and soundness, and has won the confidence and esteem of the entire membership. He handles all kinds of grain and provisions, as well as stocks and bonds and other paper securities, on his own account, and has met with almost uniform success. His profits have been largely invested in real estate at Hammond, Indiana, and in Florida timber lands and orange groves.

Mr. Dickinson was married, November 25, 1875, to Miss Mary Alice Johnson, daughter of Anthony Johnson and Catherine (Ganer) John-

son. Mrs. Dickinson was born at Port Jervis, New York, where her father was connected with important railroad interests for some years. Mr. Dickinson is identified with the First Methodist Church of Evanston. He is a man of domestic tastes, and devotes little time to social recreations. He supports the Republican party, whose policy he believes to be in the interest of good government and the commercial prosperity of the country.

In 1889 he built an elegant residence at the northwest corner of Asbury Avenue and Church Street, Evanston, which is surrounded by one of the handsomest and best-kept lawns in Cook County. In short, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson, throughout its exterior and interior appointments, bespeaks the refined tastes and cultivated instincts by means of which, only, such an establishment can be designed and maintained.

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## BENJAMIN SHURTLEFF.

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**B**ENJAMIN SHURTLEFF, one of the founders of Lake View, whose identity is rapidly becoming lost in the vast city of Chicago, is still a resident of that former suburb, and affords an excellent type of the pioneers of the metropolis of the West. He was born in Ernesttown, Lennox County, Ontario, July 19, 1812. His ancestors were English, and were very loyal subjects of the British crown. The first one in the American colonies settled in Massachusetts, whence Lemuel Shurtleff, grandfather of the subject of this notice, removed to Canada at the beginning of the American Revolution. He settled in Ernesttown, Lennox County, Ontario, where he engaged in farming, reared a large family, and reached a good old age. He had three sons, Seldon, Jacob and Gideon.

The last-named passed his life in Canada, exceeding the age of eighty years, and was a farmer. He was a quiet, faithful Christian,

devoted to the Methodist Church, and the welfare of his fellow-men was dear to his heart. His wife, Mary Ward, probably of Irish descent, was a tender and true wife and mother, and, like himself, a faithful member of the Methodist Church. She died at the age of sixty-two years. Of their twelve children, eleven grew to maturity, and three of the sons became residents of the United States. Their names were Samuel, Jacob, Gideon, Lemuel, Benjamin, Miles, John, Polly, Amy, Lydia and Amanda. Lemuel was an able mechanic, and built some of the large iron mills at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at which place he died. Miles was admitted to the Bar in New York, and became interested in the manufacture of iron at Rochester, New York, for many years.

Benjamin Shurtleff passed the first eighteen years of his life on the home farm, receiving such intellectual training as was afforded by the district schools and good home surroundings. At

the age of eighteen years he began learning the joiner's trade, of which he became master. In 1837 he joined his brother in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was associated with him in erecting large manufacturing plants there. Among these may be mentioned the immense iron mills of Spang, Chalfant & Company at Ætna, and the rolling mills of Louis Dalzell & Company at Sharpsburgh, another suburb of Pittsburgh. Among his fellow-workmen was Mr. C. K. Garrison, since one of the most successful business men and capitalists of that city, who was regarded by Mr. Shurtleff as one of the brightest business men he ever met. Twelve years of industrious application there gave Mr. Shurtleff a small capital, which he resolved to invest in a newer place, and he set out for Chicago.

Arriving here in 1851, he immediately made investments in real property, which his foresight told him was sure to appreciate greatly in value. He secured twenty acres in Lake View Township, beside three twenty-acre tracts in section 33, town 39 north, range 14, most of which has been subdivided and sold off. Shurtleff's Addition was one of the most valuable and well-known subdivisions on the old maps, and he now has valuable property on the South Side of the city. His present possessions include about ten acres of the most valuable land in the city, including many improved lots in the vicinity of his home, on Oakdale Avenue. In 1870 he built six substantial houses on the corner of Fremont and Oakdale Avenues, which were beyond the ravages of the great fire of the next year and became immediately profitable.

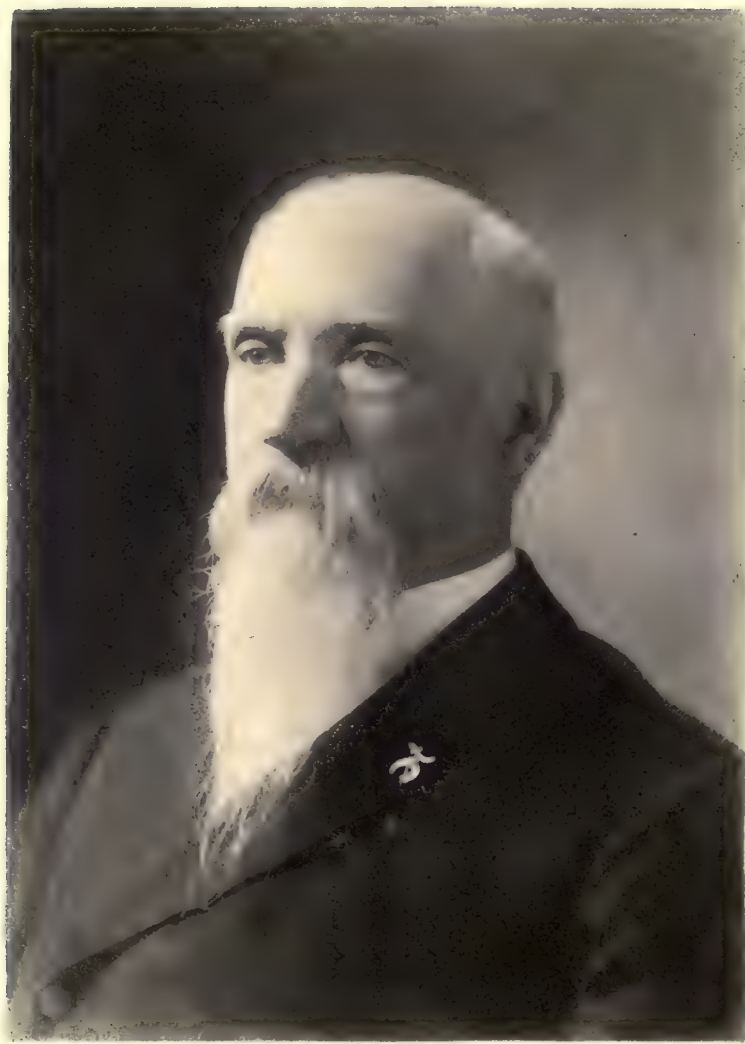
May 5, 1853, at Sharpsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Shurtleff was married to Miss Lucinda J. Sewell, daughter of James H. Sewell, an old resident of Pittsburgh. Judge James Sewell, a well-known character of that city, was a brother of Mrs. Shurtleff. Mrs. Shurtleff was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and died January 10, 1856, in the prime of young womanhood, being but twenty-seven years old at the time of her death. She left a daughter, Lucy J., who was reared by her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Roberts, well known in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, society. She was educated

at Ferry Hall Seminary, at Lake Forest, Illinois, and Hellmuth College, London, Canada, and is now the wife of Bruce M. Myers, of Chicago. Subsequently, at Chicago, Mr. Shurtleff married Mrs. Margaret A. Buker, who was born September 2, 1837, at Greenwood, Maine. She was a daughter of Capt. Isaac P. Furlong, who was a native of Maine, and commanded a company in the War of 1812. His father took up the first claim in the town of Greenwood, Oxford County, Maine. Mrs. Shurtleff was a genial companion to Mr. Shurtleff in every sense of the word, and also a good business manager. She was a woman possessed of more than ordinary native ability, and esteemed for many good qualities of head and heart. She passed away July 7, 1894, leaving two sons by her first marriage. Harry Leslie Buker, who was educated principally at the Schattuck Military School, Faribault, Minnesota, is well known in musical circles in Chicago, and was associated twelve years with the Slayton Lyceum Bureau of that city. The other son, William F. Buker, is an actor by profession and a resident of New York City.

Mr. Shurtleff was among the early members of the old Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian Church of Chicago, and has been a staunch supporter of the political principles of the Republican party all his life. In 1844 he voted for Henry Clay for President of the United States, and he was among the promoters and organizers of the Republican party, voting for Fremont in 1856. His has been a quiet life of industry and attention to his private affairs, with no seeking after public honors. He has ever given of his time, influence and means toward the promotion of any movement calculated to further the general welfare, and his example is commended to the careful attention of every youth who hopes to make something of himself in the business, social or moral world. His success has not been the result of accident, but has been built up by shrewd calculation, and the prudent use of means acquired by the practice of habits of industry and right living. He refused his share of his father's estate, preferring it should go to his sisters.

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## DAVID B. FONDA, M. D.

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**D**AVID BARTHOLOMEW FONDA, M. D., is a representative of an old and prominent Empire State family which settled in and named the county-seat of Montgomery County, New York. His grandfather, John Fonda, was a native of Holland, and settled at a place called Bogt, in Albany County, New York, where he owned an estate comprising several thousand acres. His only son, Henry Fonda, was born there and inherited this estate. Most of his life was passed at Watervliet, New York, where he died at the age of sixty-six years, in June, 1841. His wife, Rebecca Hall, was born at Mayfield, Fulton County, New York, and died in August, 1840, at the age of fifty-six years. Henry Fonda was somewhat active in political affairs, though he never sought or accepted office for himself.

David B. Fonda was born November 6, 1834, in Watervliet, Albany County, New York, where he remained until he reached the age of sixteen years. In his native township, at a place called Elisha's Kill, he received his primary education, completing the course of the upper school before he was sixteen years old.

He was then appointed principal of the Second District School of the Third Ward of Schenectady, New York, where he taught one year. His first teacher's certificate was granted by Jonathan Pearson, professor of languages in Union College, at Schenectady, and superintendent of the public schools of that city. The scene of his labors for the next four years was a place called

Lowell's Corners, where he taught in the joint district embracing portions of the towns of Cherry Valley and Seward, in the Counties of Schoharie and Otsego. While teaching here he pursued a private course in moral and mental philosophy, and the Greek and Latin languages, under the tutelage of Franklin Pierce, a cousin of the President who bore the same name. At the end of this time he was prepared for matriculation at Hartwick College, a Lutheran Theological institution.

It is evident from the progress made up to this time that Mr. Fonda was a close student. By the time he attained his majority he had occupied a responsible position as teacher for a period of five years. The hard work involved in these labors, coupled with the diligent pursuit of his studies preparatory to further advancement, made deep inroads upon his physical strength, and a connection which he formed at this time changed his plans and the entire course of his life. March 22, 1855, he was married to Miss Clarinda Lowell, a descendant of the famous New England family of that name, who was born at Lowell's Corners. She was a daughter of Nyram Lowell.

In 1855, with his bride, Mr. Fonda removed to Chicago. Having a relative who was in the service of the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad, he sought and secured employment as a brakeman on this line for the sake of the outdoor labor, and at the end of fourteen months spent in this capacity, he found his health fully restored.

He then accepted a position as teacher at Rosehill, and began the pursuit of a medical course at Rush Medical College. He attended lectures at this institution during the two years beginning in 1859 and ending in 1861.

Early in 1862 he enlisted as a private soldier, in Company C, Eighty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry known as the Railroad Regiment, being composed entirely of railroad men. By the time the regiment was mustered he was promoted to Orderly Sergeant, and continued in service through Kentucky with the Army of the Cumberland until the battle of Perryville. After this engagement he was sent with a detail to escort an ambulance train to Bardstown, Kentucky. On his arrival there he found that he had been appointed chief steward of the hospitals at that point. He continued there until the latter part of 1863, and became secretary of the medical corps, which embraced eight army surgeons. When he entered the army his weight was one hundred forty-five pounds, but during his service it was reduced to ninety-four pounds, and through the recommendation of the surgeons he was honorably discharged on account of disability, although he had never as yet asked for a release from duty. On his return to Chicago he was prostrated by a severe illness, which continued for a period of three months.

Recovering his health, he again entered Rush Medical College in 1864, and two years later completed the course. He subsequently entered Bennett Medical College, from which he received a diploma in 1878. In 1866 he began the practice of medicine at Jefferson Park, and has continued to reside there ever since. In 1867, without any solicitation on his part, he was elected by the County Board to the post of County Physician and superintendent of the insane paupers sustained by the county. Through his vigorous protest against the mixture of insane with the other wards of the county, the board was induced to appropriate money for a building to be devoted exclusively to the care of the insane. This was begun in 1868, and on the first day of the year 1871 Dr. Fonda installed the patients in his charge in their new quarters. At the end of four years'

service he retired and resumed his private practice at Jefferson, in which he has since continued with the ever-increasing confidence and respect of the community.

Dr. Fonda has been somewhat active in the conduct of local affairs, and the promotion of the common welfare. In 1874 he was elected a member of the village board of Jefferson, of which body he was immediately made president and continued four consecutive years in this position. He was for many years health officer of the village, which was co-extensive with the town of Jefferson, until it was merged in the city of Chicago, and was again a member of the village board from 1884 until 1886. During the first year of this service he was president of the board, but refused that office during the second year, in order that he might be active on the floor in the discussion of many important movements then pending. For many years he was County Physician in charge of the medical relief of the poor outside of public institutions. In 1889, when Jefferson was annexed to the city of Chicago, Dr. Fonda was elected one of the first aldermen from the twenty-seventh ward, and in the following April he was re-elected and served two years. In political matters he has always acted with the Republican party, having allied himself with it in 1856, and although he has sometimes voted for individuals not on his party ticket, he has ever remained true to its principles. In recent years he has made numerous addresses on political and economic subjects, which have been received with much applause.

Dr. Fonda is still a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church at Gardnersville, New York. On a visit to the scenes of his early life, made in the fall of 1897, he attended worship at this place, where he met but one person that he had previously known. After an absence of forty years this visit to his childhood home, although a very pleasant one on the whole, was much saddened by the absence of familiar faces. In the midst of family connections numbering thousands, he was still among strangers.

Dr. Fonda was for many years connected with Hesperia Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted



Masons, of Chicago, and was a charter member of the first Masonic Lodge in Jefferson. He is now connected with Wylie M. Egan Lodge, Washington Chapter, Siloam Council, St. Bernard Commandery, and Medinah Temple, of the Mystic Shrine. He was for many years connected with Home Lodge No. 416, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Chicago, and is a member of George H. Thomas Post No. 5, Grand

Army of the Republic. He is Grand Medical Examiner of the Independent Order of Mutual Aid of the State of Illinois.

Mrs. Fonda passed away in 1890, at the age of fifty-five years, leaving one child, Carrie Azubah, who resides with her father. Dr. Fonda is yet in possession of sound health, and a vigorous intellect, and has many years of usefulness both as a citizen and physician before him.

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## REV. LEROY J. HALSEY.

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REV. LEROY JONES HALSEY, D. D., LL. D. On the 28th day of January, A. D. 1812, Leroy Jones Halsey was born in Cartersville, Goochland County, Virginia, on the banks of the James River, twelve miles from Richmond, the first-born son of John and Lucy (Tiller) Halsey. His paternal ancestry is traced back through the Virginia and North Carolina settlements to a New England stock of the date of 1640. He was acquainted with the hardship of straitened circumstances in his early childhood. When he was less than five years old his father met with reverses by too generously becoming liable for another man's debt. It deprived him of his business and his home, and forced his emigration to the far southwest to begin life anew. He located at Huntsville, Alabama.

Leroy was always of a studious habit. He acquired the rudiments of knowledge at home, and from the few books and periodicals available he had gained much information before he went to school. At school learning was a pleasure to him. Study was a delight, and this love of application and research so early manifested was characteristic of his entire collegiate and theological course, and remained with him through life. The days spent in the classic shades of the old Green Academy at Huntsville were among the happiest of his youth.

At the age of nineteen he left his home in Huntsville to enter the University of Nashville, at Nashville, Tennessee, where he was matriculated in the autumn of 1831, and entered the junior class. His education had been begun and was prosecuted from first to last with the ministry of the Gospel definitely in view.

In the summer of 1834 he was graduated, and after a visit to his home he returned to Nashville and taught a select school for a year, from the proceeds of which he repaid his college debt, and then accepted the position of tutor in the college. At the same time, in November, 1835, he placed himself under the care of the Presbytery of Nashville as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. Having served as tutor for a year he accepted the appointment of substitute professor of languages in place of a professor who was to be absent for a year.

These three years succeeding graduation, one spent in private teaching, and two in college work, were beneficial in fixing and testing scholarship, and also from a financial point of view. They enabled him to discharge his debt and to accumulate a fund sufficient to defray the expense of a theological course.

Retiring from these pleasing associations in the summer of 1837, after a brief visit to his home he journeyed eastward by stage coach and steam-

boat until, at Frederick, Md., he had his first view of a railway train, and thence through Baltimore and Philadelphia, his first experience of railway travel, as far as Trenton, N. J. On the 9th day of November he entered the Theological Seminary of Princeton.

On the 29th day of September, 1840, the seminary life of Dr. Halsey ended with his graduation. He had been licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick on the 5th day of August preceding. He immediately began his journey to the West, stopping in Philadelphia to preach in several of the churches there and to receive his commission from the Board of Missions assigning him to missionary labor in the bounds of the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

This work continued for more than two years, when its widely known success and the growing reputation of Dr. Halsey brought such urgent calls to wider fields that he was constrained to give them heed. The one which proved the most attractive was the one which showed the greatest need. A recently organized congregation in the city of Jackson, the capital of Mississippi, was seeking for consecrated leadership and preaching power. They were without a house of worship, with little numerical or financial strength, but with united and zealous purpose and with a growing and influential community around, in crying need of Gospel privileges and influence and work. He accepted their call, and removing to Jackson, was ordained by the Presbytery of Mississippi and installed pastor on the 21st day of March, 1843.

A commodious house of worship was soon provided. The congregation grew and the work enlarged. This prosperous work continued for five years. During this pastorate, on the 24th day of April, 1844, he was married to Caroline Augusta Anderson, of Pendleton, South Carolina, a granddaughter of Gen. Robert Anderson of Revolutionary fame.

His well-known success in Jackson led to his being called to undertake a similar work in Louisville, Kentucky, where a small colony of Presbyterians desired him to lead them in the work of founding and establishing a church. Satisfied of

the importance of the enterprise, and undismayed by its prospective difficulties, he accepted their call and entered upon the work in the autumn of 1848.

The church grew rapidly under his ministry. A comfortable house of worship was speedily provided, and very soon the congregation, in point of numbers and ability and efficiency, took rank with the older churches of the city.

Here he conducted a happy, useful and successful pastorate for ten years, in connection with the Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, the same organization that, in a different locality, is still active, strong and prosperous, under the name and title of the Warren Memorial Church.

In 1859 he was appointed by the General Assembly to the Chair of Ecclesiology, Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northwest, which the same assembly located at Chicago, on the basis of an endowment of one hundred thousand dollars donated by the late Cyrus H. McCormick, of this city. The institution is now known as McCormick Theological Seminary.

He entered upon his work in Chicago in the autumn of that year. The city then contained a population of barely one hundred thousand. The seminary was domiciled at first in a rented building at Clark and Harrison Streets. Two years later it found temporary quarters in the basement of the North Presbyterian Church at Cass and Indiana Streets. The present location, at North Halsted Street and Fullerton Avenue, was first occupied for seminary purposes in the winter of 1863 and 1864.

Dr. Halsey continued his active labors in the seminary for thirty-three years, terminating them only in 1892, when he was eighty years old. In addition to the labors of the pastorate and of the professor's chair he was a faithful and influential helper in the councils of the church; he responded to invitations for addresses on public occasions, and was a frequent contributor to the columns of the press. In 1858 he published his first book, "The Literary Attractions of the Bible," a work of classic merit, which holds and will continue to hold an assured place among the



preserved gems of English and American literature.

After Dr. Halsey came to Chicago his voice and pen occupied a wider sphere than that of the seminary alone. He preached often and in many pulpits all over the land and always with great acceptance. In 1860 he issued "Life Pictures from the Bible," a work that has held, and will always hold with those who possess it, an eminent place among the delineations of Bible character. In 1861 appeared "The Beauty of Immanuel," an exposition of the life, character, person, work, offices and glory of the Christ whom he loved and adored, a work most stimulating to piety and helpful to devotion.

In 1866 he published, in three large volumes, through the Lippincott press, the "Life and Works of Philip Lindsley, D. D.," a labor of love, preserving to posterity the literary productions of one of the most accomplished educators of his day. In 1871 appeared from his pen "The Memoir of Lewis W. Green, D. D.," and in 1881 a volume entitled "Living Christianity," a brief, clear and strong presentation of the fundamentals of Christian faith and the essentials of Christian duty.

About this time he became Professor Emeritus and continued to give regular instruction in the matters of church government and the sacraments. His pen was by no means idle, for in 1884 he published a very instructive and edifying book on "Scotland's Influence on Civilization," and in 1893 there came from his pen the work into which he had poured the affections of his heart and the accumulated events and emotions of thirty years, "The History of the McCormick Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church," an octavo volume of five hundred pages.

Dr. Halsey lived to be eighty-four years old, dying June 18, 1896.

One of the large privileges of human life is to dwell in immediate touch with great and good men. The very presence, the example, and the teachings of such men, tend to form the character, to guide the thinking, to elevate the taste and to direct the activities of whole communities. Be-

neath their kindly but potent influence, society is rounded out into fairer proportions, the purpose to accomplish noble ends becomes more decisive, sympathy expands and deepens, and life is found, more and more, to be truly worth the living. One of the noblest of this high class was the subject of this sketch.

For thirty-seven years Dr. Halsey lived in Chicago. He entered on his work in that city in the zenith of his powers. Long and painstaking education had fitted him to exercise with commanding ability the sacred office to which he had been chosen. He had reached first rank as a preacher and pastor before he entered on the responsible task of training young men for the ministry, and he came to this new work ripe in learning, mature in piety, skilled in administration, familiar with the best methods of professional education, intimately acquainted with the foremost churchmen of the period, ardent in the cause of a world-wide evangelization, embalmed in the confidence of the influential communion, which he represented, and in every way well fitted to advance the important enterprise to which he stood committed.

At the time of his entrance to Chicago Dr. Halsey was called to lay the foundations upon which varied structures should be raised. Society was hardly formed, and his influence was felt in directing it along lines of Christian refinement. There was but one Presbyterian Church on the North Side, and that near the heart of the city. He early helped plant another and then others as the years went by.

McCormick Theological Seminary was but just opened in Chicago. Its maintenance and development and permanent establishment had yet to be provided for.

Few men have ever been called to so large and so varied a work in so important a center and at such an epoch-making period. For this imposing undertaking he had the equipment requisite, whether we consider it on the side of a large and unhesitating faith in the sublime truths which he came to teach and defend, or in the steady courage for the day of small things to be fostered in a period of unrest and conflict—or of conspicuous



talents fitted to meet the diversified calls arising from the extensive task—or of sublime patience in the midst of the fluctuations and discouragements incident to the sure establishment of a young institution in the center of a comparatively new section of our great country.

In the prosecution of these wide ranging labors Dr. Halsey laid his formative hand on a larger number of men than any other theological teacher of the Presbyterian Church in the West. His early colleagues soon passed on—one in less than two years, to his heavenly home—the others to important fields elsewhere.

Dr. Halsey remained undaunted at his post in sunshine and in storm, when rude war rolled unchecked over the land, when peace once more

settled on a still united nation. Under all the changes of an eventful period he stood fast, the one commanding figure in the changing scene, around whose person the destinies of the institution revolved, and in whose lone hand its interests often reposed. And ere yet unseen hands with gentle touch closed his eyes to earthly sight, to be re-opened so soon amid the splendors of mediatorial glory he had witnessed the triumphs of the cause to which he had devoted so many years of his life, in the establishment of a seminary of sacred learning, equal in its equipments to any in the land, and full to overflowing with ingenuous youth in preparation for the noble work of preaching the Gospel in every tongue and to every land under the sun.

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## THOMAS GOODE.

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THOMAS GOODE, one of Chicago's most worthy pioneers, now living in rest and retirement on Racine Avenue, was born April 18, 1816, in the Parish of Enfield, in Middlesex, near London, England. He is a son of Thomas and Maria (Head) Goode, the former a native of Warwickshire, and the latter of Middlesex, England.

Thomas Goode, senior, was an orphan from the time he was a small boy, and was sent to London, where his eldest brother lived, and where he learned the trade of baker, at which he worked for many years. He had seven children that grew to maturity, three of whom came to America with their parents. John and Thomas came in 1845, sailing from London, and upon arriving in New York, they went to Albany by boat, and from there proceeded to Buffalo by the canal. From Buffalo they came to Chicago by the old steamer "Madison."

In 1859 Thomas Goode visited England, and

when he returned to America his parents accompanied him, spending their last years in Chicago. The father died in 1870, his wife having preceded him by three years. Edward, a younger brother, came to the United States about 1864, and still resides in this city, and John Goode makes his home in Florida.

Thomas Goode received only an ordinary education in the schools of his native land, which were then much poorer than now, and was early employed in a greenhouse, in the cultivation of flowers and plants.

In 1840 Mr. Goode married Miss Ellen Colpus, and their first three children were born in England. Soon after coming to Chicago he bought property on the West Side, in Carpenter's Addition, and later, bought twelve acres in North Chicago, afterwards Lake View. Here he raised vegetables extensively for the city market, and through his prudence and industry, and the great growth of the city, became wealthy. He sold

some of his land to a railroad company, and the remainder mostly in lots. He retired from active business about ten years ago. Mr. Goode is an ardent Republican, but has never been willing to accept any public office himself. He is an adherent of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Goode has been married twice. By his first wife he had six children, two of whom died in infancy. Those of his children living are: Edwin Peto; Jane, wife of John M. Gibson; La-

vinia and Rowland T. The mother of this family died about 1879. In 1891 Mr. Goode married Miss Margaret M. Gubbins, a native of the city of Chicago.

Mr. Goode has lived many years in his present location, and has many friends. He is one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this part of the city, where, during his long residence, he has proven his sterling qualities of mind and heart.

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## GEORGE N. POWELL.

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GEORGE NELSON POWELL, one of Chicago's pioneers, came to the West in 1833. He was descended from English and Welsh ancestry, and his lineage has been traced back to Thomas Powell, who was born in August, 1641 (probably in Wales), and died at Westbury, Long Island, December 28, 1721. A descendant of his in the fourth generation, Obadiah Powell, was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch.

Obadiah Powell died in Saratoga County, New York, at the age of nearly one hundred years. Some time previous to the Revolutionary War he removed thither from Dutchess County, in the same state, with his wife Betsy, taking all their belongings on the back of a pony. Like his Quaker ancestry, he was opposed to war, and was much censured during the Revolutionary struggle because of his non-combatant position, and most of his personal property was confiscated. He was steadfast in his convictions, however, and lived to be one of the leading farmers in the community. At the age of ninety-eight years he husked several baskets of corn, which he carried on his shoulder to the loft of his carriage-house.

He was the father of three sons and eight daughters, all of whom lived to extreme old age, and his house was the favorite gathering-place of his descendants. His son, Frost Powell, lived until 1840 in Dutchess County, New York, where he married Katharine Nelson, who was of Dutch descent. In 1840 he removed to Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin, where he died a few years later.

His son, George N. Powell, whose name heads this article, was born August 13, 1807, in Dutchess County, New York. He received the best education that the locality afforded at that time, and early in life became a general contractor. Being convinced that the West offered great business opportunities, he removed in 1833 to Chicago. Here he rented a tract of land from Archibald Clybourn, and engaged in farming and gardening. In 1836 he located in what was afterwards known as Jefferson Township, making claim to the northeast quarter of section thirty-six, which he purchased at the land sale of 1838. He at once commenced the improvement of a farm on this land, which was then in a state of nature, and for sev-



eral years kept a public house for the entertainment of travelers. While still in the prime of life, and apparently having many years of active usefulness before him, he was stricken with cholera and died August 18, 1850. Besides being a careful and successful business man he was ever active as a citizen and took a great interest in public affairs, affiliating in politics with the Democratic party.

March 22, 1835, Mr. Powell married Miss Aramesia Harmon, who was born in Montgomery County, Virginia, February 27, 1820. Her parents, Henry Harmon and Mary Ann Hornbarger, were natives of that state, and the children of Revolutionary soldiers. Henry Harmon enlisted as a soldier in the War of 1812, but peace was declared before his services were called for. He died October 29, 1829, and his widow married Jacob Miller. In 1832 this couple came to Chicago, where Mr. Miller worked as a carpenter. In 1849 he made the overland journey to California, and died there in the fall of that year. His widow died December 27, 1876, in Minnesota. The family arrived in Chicago at the time of the Black Hawk War, and took refuge in Fort Dearborn. The daughter, Aramesia, was but twelve years of age at that time, and received her education and grew to womanhood in the pioneer settlement. She has been an observant witness of the marvelous growth of Chicago from a mere hamlet of log huts to the second city in the land.

George N. and Aramesia Powell were the parents of six children, the first of whom, George W., died in childhood. John Frost, the second, is a prominent citizen of Waukegan, Illinois, where for some years he was largely engaged in manufacturing. He is especially active and influential in the municipal affairs of that city, where he served many years as alderman, and was Mayor three terms. He is largely interested in Chicago property. William H., the third son, was a dealer in real estate in Chicago from 1870 until his death, in August, 1896. He married Elizabeth J. Ritchie, who bore him a son, George H. Powell, now engaged in the real-estate business in Chicago. Mrs. Elizabeth J. Powell died in 1886.

Daniel N. and Mary C., the fourth and sixth, are deceased. A sketch of the fifth, Perry P., appears below. In 1862 Mrs. Powell married Theodore Mismar, a native of Strasburg, which was at the time of his birth, in France, but now belongs to Germany. They have one daughter, Clara, now the wife of Fred C. Irwin, of Chicago.

Perry Polk Powell, the youngest son of George N. and Aramesia Powell, was born January 11, 1845. He remained at home assisting in the cultivation of the farm and attending the district school until he reached the age of seventeen years. At that time the Civil War was stirring the martial spirit of every patriotic American, and young Powell was no exception to the rule. Though still very young, he enlisted, July 6, 1862, in Battery A, First Illinois Light Artillery. In the fall of that year he took part in the Vicksburg Campaign under General Sherman, and celebrated his eighteenth birthday by participating in the Battle of Arkansas Post. On account of sickness he was discharged August 7, 1863, but on his recovery re-enlisted in Battery G of the First Illinois Light Artillery, and was discharged at the close of the war at Memphis, Tennessee.

After farming for one year in Cook County, Mr. Powell removed to Blainstown, Iowa, where he carried on a general store for about two years. He then returned to Cook County, and has since followed farming and gardening. In 1870 he also engaged in the real-estate business, in which he has been very successful. He has given his hearty support to the Republican party and was a member of the first board of trustees of Jefferson after its organization as a village. He was initiated into Masonry in July, 1867, in Lincoln Lodge No. 199, at Blainstown, Iowa. He is a member of Winfield Chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons, and is Past Commander of Winfield Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, both of Winfield, Kansas. He is also a member of Siberd Post No. 58, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kansas. Mr. Powell was married January 10, 1872, to Miss Mary E., daughter of Thomas and Christie McGregor. Three children have blessed this union, named in order of birth, Maud, Frank and Ethel.



## CHARLES B. DUPEE.

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**C**HARLES BILLINGS DUPEE. Among the business men who helped to promote the growth of Chicago, both materially and morally, the subject of this sketch should receive honorable mention. His ancestors were the devoted French Huguenots, whose love of liberty and freedom of religious thought induced them to leave old France and settle in the New World. James, grandfather of Charles B. Dupee, was born in Walpole, Massachusetts. He was among the most progressive of the citizens of the old Bay State. (See sketch of H. M. Dupee for complete genealogy.)

Their son, Cyrus Dupee, was also born in Walpole, and learned the mercantile business in Boston. For a long period he was engaged in the wholesale provision trade in Brighton, Massachusetts. He was married at Brighton (now Allston), Massachusetts, to Miss Elizabeth English, of that place. He died there in 1841, leaving eight children. Three of his sons, Charles B., Cyrus and Horace Dupee, became prominent business men of Chicago, where the last two are still engaged in active life. He was a man of sterling character, devoted to his family and diligent in business. The family has for many generations been noted in mercantile business, and has always maintained a high reputation for integrity.

Charles B. Dupee was born in Brighton, Massachusetts, May 12, 1823. His first business undertaking was in the meat and ice trade at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, in which he was moderately successful. In 1854 he became a resident of Chicago, establishing himself here in June of that year—his family, which at that time consisted of a wife

and two children, following in September. He continued in the meat business in Chicago, and after a time began putting up hams by a process of his own, which secured for him an excellent reputation and trade, and he grew prosperous and extended the business by adding the wholesale provision trade. He exercised great care in the preparation of his goods, which he insisted on giving his personal inspection, and the result was an ever-increasing trade and a high reputation for his wares, which continued to be popular on the market long after his demise. He was industrious and economical, and his painstaking care provided him a handsome competence. For many years he carried on a large trade in supplies for the United States Government.

Among his brother merchants, Mr. Dupee was known for his unswerving fidelity to those principles of true manhood that lift a man high above the rank of ordinary men and make for him a name in commercial centers that will forever be worthy of remembrance and emulation. He was a shrewd, far-seeing business man, and his advice, often sought by friends, was safe and reliable. For about twenty years he was a resident of Hyde Park, and was highly esteemed by the residents of that suburb for his many noble qualities. He was identified with the Republican party, but was never connected with any office or political work, and was in every way a model citizen, and, above all, an honest man—the noblest work of God.

After retiring from business, Mr. Dupee made good investment in real estate, and the rapid appreciation in value of his holdings added mate-

rially to his resources, so that his declining years were passed in the enjoyment of the competence which his long years of industry had earned. He passed away at his home in Chicago August 12, 1887, and his last words were: "I have been an honest man." He left the impress of his strong character upon the business world of Chicago, and a good name that will be ever cherished by his family.

On the 7th of April, 1847, at Boston, Massachusetts, Charles B. Dupee was married to Miss Emmeline, daughter of Seth and Louise (Miles) Wellington, old and respected residents of Boston. The Wellingtons were among the noted pioneers of the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mrs. Dupee's ancestor, Roger Wellington, married Miss Foster, a daughter of Dr. Foster, who was the first settled physician in Charlestown, Massachusetts. The Wellington monument,

standing in the Watertown (Massachusetts) cemetery, was erected over two hundred years ago. Three children came to bless the home of Charles B. and Mrs. Dupee. Their names are, Charles Frederick, Elizabeth A. and Emma M. The second is now deceased, and the last is the wife of Reuben D. Coy, of Chicago. Her only child is a daughter, named Margaret Wellington Coy. Charles F. Dupee came with his parents to Chicago in 1854. His father admitted him to partnership in his growing business in order to have his aid in its conduct. Since the business was closed out he has given his attention to the care of his large property interests. He has two children, Elizabeth S. and Charles Edward Dupee.

In 1890 Mrs. Emmeline Dupee built one of the handsomest residences in Glencoe, Illinois, where her family now resides.

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## JOHN A. PEARSONS.

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**J**OHN ALONZO PEARSONS, an early settler of Evanston, was born in Bradford, Vermont, September 8, 1818. He is a son of John Pearsons and Hannah Putnam, natives, respectively, of Lyndeborough and Frankestown, New Hampshire. John Pearsons was a prominent farmer and lumberman of Bradford, where he located at the age of twelve years. For some years he also kept a hotel there, known as the Mann House. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, serving throughout that struggle. His death occurred in Bradford, October 7, 1857, at

the age of sixty-five years. His mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Kimball, also died there at an extreme old age.

Mrs. Hannah Pearsons died at Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1888, at the age of ninety-one years. She was a daughter of John Putnam, a Revolutionary soldier, and a relative of Gen. Israel Putnam. John Putnam served seven years in the Continental army, and was at one time a member of General Washington's Life Guard. He afterward became an Adjutant of Vermont militia, and, with two of his sons, participated in



the War of 1812. In later life he was a carpenter and bridge-builder at Bradford. His wife, Olive Barron, lived to the age of ninety-three years.

John A. Pearsons spent his boyhood in Bradford, where he attended the district school, and, at the age of nineteen years, began teaching, a calling which he continued for four winters at and in the vicinity of Bradford. He helped to conduct his father's hotel, and subsequently carried on the same business at White River Village and Norwich, Vermont. The latter place was then the seat of General Ransom's Military School.

In September, 1852, he arrived in Chicago, where he was employed for a time by John P. Chapin, a prominent pioneer of Chicago. In March, 1854, he located at Evanston, being induced to settle there through the influence of Dr. Hinman. Mr. Pearsons was the first to build a house on the university lands, the location being identical with his present residence on Chicago Avenue. Others soon followed his example, and when the Chicago & Milwaukee Railway reached that point the next winter, there was a rapid influx of people. Such was the demand for building materials and other merchandise, that Mr. Pearsons found it advantageous to engage in the business of general teaming. For eighteen years he operated Pearsons' Evanston Express, employing a number of teams and wagons on the road between Chicago and Evanston, and the business which he started has ever since been continued, and is still a prosperous enterprise. For some time he also kept a livery stable at Evanston.

In 1872 Mr. Pearsons sold out his express line, and spent the following winter in the woods of northern Michigan in the interest of his brother, D. K. Pearsons, the well-known lumberman and philanthropist. Becoming interested in the lumbering industry, and finding the business agreeable to his health, which had become considerably impaired, he spent the ensuing twelve years in the lumber woods, during a part of which time he operated a lumber-yard in Evanston. In 1885 he disposed of his lumber interests, since which time he has lived in practical retirement. He

has filled nearly every office in the township, village, and city of Evanston, and his official as well as business obligations have always been discharged in a creditable and efficient manner.

On the twenty-fifth day of October, 1842, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Pearsons and Miss Hannah Stevens Bayley, of Newbury, Vermont, a daughter of Amherst Bayley and Melissa Stevens, both natives of Newbury. Mrs. Pearsons' paternal grandfather was the distinguished General Jacob Bayley, of the Continental army. Her maternal grandfather, Simeon Stevens, was an extensive farmer and highly exemplary citizen of Newbury, distinguished also for his musical talents, being the possessor of a strong and very sweet voice, which he retained even in old age. He survived until nearly ninety years of age.

Mrs. Pearsons is a lady of many graces of mind and heart. In her youth she won considerable celebrity as a participant in the State Musical Conventions of Vermont. She was one of the prime movers in organizing the Woman's Educational Aid Association, which was formed in 1871, and has been an officer of the association from its inception, and for eighteen years has served as its President. The object of this society is to assist worthy young ladies of limited means in obtaining an education. The College Cottage, which was built soon after the organization of the association, has been several times enlarged and improved, and now accommodates about fifty-five students, and is recognized as a worthy adjunct of the Northwestern University at Evanston.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearsons are the parents of two children, and have lost two by death, one passing away in infancy. The eldest, Henry Alonzo, is a business man of Chicago, residing in Evanston. Isabella is the wife of Wilbur F. Mappin, of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Helen, who was the wife of Rev. Harvey R. Calkins, died March 27, 1892, at the age of twenty-six years. Two grandchildren, Harry Putnam Pearsons and Lillian Mappin, make glad the hearts of this worthy couple.

In October, 1892, the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Pearsons was celebrated, and they are



still in the enjoyment of excellent health and that contentment of mind which is "a continual feast," and few of their acquaintances, and none among strangers, can readily believe the number of their years of usefulness already spent. They are members of the First Methodist Church of Evanston, which they helped to organize in the summer of 1854, at which time the society comprised but six members. Mr. Pearsons was the Chorister of the church for many years, and is one of the Trustees of the Des Plaines Camp-Meeting Association. Mr. Pearsons cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison, and was a member of a military band which furnished music for

many of the public gatherings of the famous political campaign of 1840. He played in this band for ten years. Since the organization of the Republican party, he has been an adherent of its principles. When he first located in Evanston, a large portion of the present site of the city consisted of a marsh covered with water, and none of the streets had been improved. He has witnessed the material development of the town until it has come to be recognized as the first suburb of Chicago, and has simultaneously watched its intellectual and moral growth, in the promotion of which he has been an interested factor.

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## REUBEN C. HALLETT.

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**R**EUBEN CROWELL HALLETT, grandson of one of the hardy pioneers of the Mississippi Valley, and son of James Hallett, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume, has the proud distinction of being a native of Illinois. He was born at Mount Carroll, in Carroll County, on the 15th day of October, 1857, and grew up in his native village, where he received his primary schooling. He attended Beloit College, Wisconsin, and finished his education at the Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, where he received instruction in the law department from Adlai E. Stevenson, Gen. Ira J. Bloomfield, John M. Hamilton, and other noted attorneys of the state.

He was admitted to the Bar in 1880, and began the practice of law at Mount Carroll, but soon turned his attention to other and more congenial pursuits. He became the owner and publisher of the *Herald* at Mount Carroll, which he retained about a year. He then went to Rockford, Illinois, where he was connected with the

Rockford Watch Company seven years. He resided in Cleveland, Ohio, for a year, being identified with the Arctic Ice Machine Manufacturing Company. During the last three years he has been the western representative of the Hildreth Varnish Company of New York, with headquarters in one of the Grand Pacific offices, on Jackson Street, Chicago.

Mr. Hallett possesses a keen business instinct, and his kind and genial manners and knowledge of human nature make him an exceptionally successful salesman. His dealings are largely with railroad companies, and cover many large contracts. He takes an active interest in all that pertains to the general welfare, and is thoroughly posted on questions that engage the public mind. He was the independent candidate for States Attorney of Carroll County in 1880, but usually acts with the Republican party. He was made a Master Mason at Mount Carroll, and is now entering upon the work of the exalted degrees.

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## JOHN D. CATON.

JOHN DEAN CATON was born in Monroe, Orange County, New York, March 19, 1812. He is the fifteenth of the sixteen children of Robert Caton, and the third child of his mother, Hannah (Dean) Caton, who was the third wife of Robert Caton. The latter was born March 22, 1761, on a plantation owned by his father (Robert Caton) in Maryland. He joined the Continental Army at the age of fourteen. Though very young at the outbreak of the Revolution, he gave good service to his native land in that struggle, and after the triumph of colonial arms, settled on the Hudson River, in New York. He died in 1815.

Robert Caton, grandfather of the subject of this biography, was born in England, of Irish descent, and served in the English army before settling in Maryland. He was a prominent citizen of that colony long before the Revolution, and the name is a conspicuous one in Maryland society to-day. Robert Caton, during the life of his second wife, joined the Society of Friends, and became a preacher in that denomination, his third wife being a member also. His four children by his third wife, according to the rules of that denomination, became birthright members, and so has the subject of this sketch continued; he is now a member of the society in good standing.

When John D. Caton was four years old, his widowed mother took him to Oneida County, New York. His advantages were few, but he received the primary training of a common school. At the age of nine years, he was set to work with a farmer, at two and one-half dollars per month, and brought home a quarter of beef as the fruit of his first earnings. Work was afforded only in the summer, and his winters were spent in school until he was fourteen. It had been his father's wish

that he should be equipped for life with a trade, and he was apprenticed. A weakness of the eyes interfered with the completion of his time, and at sixteen, he joined his mother at Utica, New York, where he was enabled to put in nine months at the academy. He was so diligent and apt that he was thus equipped for earning by surveying and teaching school. While teaching, he pursued the study of the classics, and also did a little work in the law by practicing in justices' courts. He entered the office of Beardsley & Matteson, at Utica, as a student, at the age of nineteen years. He later studied with James H. Collins, who afterward became a leader at the Chicago Bar and was a partner in practice with Mr. Caton.

Having become well grounded in the theory of law, and having attained man's estate, he resolved to settle in the new West and establish himself in practice. He had a special incentive in this determination, in the fact that he was the accepted lover of one of "York State's" fairest daughters, and was anxious to secure a permanent home. Having reached Buffalo by canal, he took passage on the steamer "Sheldon Thompson," which brought him to Detroit, and thence he took stage to Ann Arbor, still undetermined as to his location. Still pushing westward, he rode in a wagon to White Pigeon, and here, by pure accident, he fell in with a cousin, whose husband, Irad Hill, was a carpenter and was employed by Dr. John T. Temple, of Chicago, to build a house for him there. The doctor and Mr. Hill were then in White Pigeon getting lumber for this purpose. Young Caton joined the rafting party which transported the lumber down the St. Joseph River, and took passage on the schooner which conveyed it to its destination. This was the

"Ariadne," whose cargo of lumber and immigrants was about all she could carry.

He soon determined to locate here, and in a few days set off on horseback for Pekin, one hundred and fifty miles away, to seek admission to the Bar. Here he met Stephen T. Logan, afterwards partner of Abraham Lincoln, and other leading attorneys of the State. After court adjourned and supper had been taken, the young applicant accompanied Judge Lockwood, of the Supreme Court, in a stroll on the river bank, and after being plied with questions on the theory and practice of law, was addressed in these words: "Well, my young friend, you've got a good deal to learn if you ever expect to make a success as a lawyer, but if you study hard I guess you'll do it. I shall give you your license." It took but nine years for the new licensee to attain a place beside his examiner on the supreme bench of the State.

Mr. Caton's first case was in the first lawsuit in the village of Chicago, in which he appeared as prosecutor of a culprit accused of stealing thirty-six dollars from a fellow-lodger at the tavern. When the defendant was brought before Squire Heacock, Caton insisted that he be searched, and he was stripped to his underclothing. Before he could replace his apparel, as directed by the court, the prosecuting attorney discovered a suspicious lump in his stocking. Seizing hold of this lump, he turned down the stocking and disclosed the missing bills. The case was then adjourned till next day, and a Constable watched the prisoner all night, having confined him under a carpenter's bench. Next morning when he was arraigned, Spring and Hamilton appeared for the defence and took a change of venue to Squire Harmon, who held court in the old tannery, on the North Side near the river forks. The whole town was now agog with the novel spectacle of a public trial; and Harmon, in order to give all a chance to enjoy the show, adjourned to Wattle's Tavern, on the West Side, where the case came off with much *eclat*; all the young attorneys "spreading themselves" in their respective speeches. Judge Caton remembers that he dwelt particularly on the enormity of the act of this serpent who had brought

crime into this young community where it had been unknown. The thief was held for trial, but the device (then new) of "straw bail" gave him temporary liberty, which he made permanent by running away as soon as the money was recovered; and as the public had had the fun and excitement of a "lawsuit" nobody cared much what became of the author of this welcome break in the village monotony. If he had been tried and convicted it would have been only the beginning of trouble, for there was no jail wherein to keep him. Young Caton got ten dollars for his fee—the first money he had ever earned in Illinois by his profession—and it just paid the arrears of his board bill.—(History of Chicago, edited by Moses and Kirkland.)

Having now been launched in practice, Mr. Caton rented an office in the "Temple Building," having his lodging in the attic of the same structure. To "make ends meet," he rented desk room in his office to his contemporary, Giles Spring.

Justice Caton recalls July 12, 1834, an era in his youthful experience. It was the beginning of his judicial career; the date of his election to the office of Justice of the Peace, the only public office he ever held except those of Alderman of the city (1837-8) and Justice of the Supreme Court of the State (1843-64). He became its Chief Justice in 1857. The election of 1834 was a fierce contest, "bringing out every last voter in the precinct, from Clybourne to Hardscrabble and beyond, perhaps even taking in the Calumet Crossing." The Government piers had been built and the beginning of a channel had been cut across the immemorial sandbar, but as yet it had never been used. On this memorable day, the schooner "Illinois" chanced to be lying at anchor, and the friends of Caton (George W. Dole and others), to the number of a hundred or more, got ropes to the schooner and dragged her by main force through the unfinished dug-way. Then they decked her with all the bunting in the village, and, hoisting sail, sped triumphantly up the stream to the Forks—the first vessel that ever penetrated the Chicago River. And when the votes were counted the



tally showed—John Dean Caton, one hundred and eighty-two; Josiah C. Goodhue, forty-seven. (*Story of Chicago*, 130).

An incident in the life of the future chief justice, which saved him to the people of Illinois, is elsewhere related in the biography of Col. Julius Warren, who was ever gratefully remembered by Mr. Caton as his dearest friend.

In the spring of 1835 Squire Caton felt himself able to assume the cares of a household, and he returned to New York, where he was wedded to Miss Laura Adelaide, daughter of Jacob Sherrill, of New Hartford. Their wedding tour was an ideal one, being a passage from Buffalo to Chicago on the brig "Queen Charlotte." This was one of the vessels captured in Put-in-Bay and sunk in the harbor of Erie by Commodore Perry in 1812. After twenty years, it had been raised and refitted, and this was her first trip.

In 1836 Mr. Caton built the first dwelling on the "school section," west of the river. This was at the southwest corner of Clinton and Harrison Streets, and at that time it was so far from other dwellings that it was called the "prairie cottage." It fell before the great holocaust of 1871. About the same time that he built this house, he entered into partnership with Norman B. Judd (who drafted the first charter of Chicago). The financial difficulties of 1837 almost crippled the ambitious young lawyer, and to increase his troubles, his health became impaired and he was advised by his physician to return to farming. He took up a tract of land near Plainfield, which he still owns, and removed his family thither in 1839. He continued the practice of law, and the records show that he tried the first jury cases in Will and Kane Counties, as well as Cook.

Mr. Caton was appointed an associate justice of the Supreme Court in 1842, and his united terms of service, by successive elections, amounted to twenty-two years. During the latter portion of this time he occupied the position of Chief Justice. The duties of his high office were completed day by day, no matter how much of the night they might consume, and the court in his day was always up with its docket. In 1864 he left the Bench, and has since given his time to travel,

literary labors and the conduct of his private affairs. He has published several works, among which are "The Antelope and Deer of America," "A Summer in Norway," "Miscellanies" and "Early Bench and Bar of Illinois."

Before 1850 Justice Caton became interested in the electric telegraph. This was before the organization of the Western Union, and he set to work to re-organize and set in order the dilapidated and scattered lines. They had hitherto occupied the wagon roads, and he secured the adoption of a system by the railways, where it was soon found to be an absolute necessity. When the Western Union took hold of the business, Judge Caton and his fellow-stockholders were enabled to make most advantageous terms for the disposition of their interests.

Death first invaded the home of Judge Caton in 1891, when a daughter, her mother's namesake, was taken away, and in 1892, Mrs. Caton went before. For fifty-seven years, this happily-assorted couple had traveled together the journey of life, and they were, no doubt, the oldest surviving couple in Chicago at the time of Mrs. Caton's demise. During her last illness Judge Caton remarked to his family physician that they had lived together for more than fifty-seven years without a cross or unkind word ever passing between them. Two children survived her, namely: Arthur J. Caton, a Chicago business man, who was admitted to the Bar, and Caroline, now the wife of the distinguished attorney, Norman Williams.

In August, 1893, Judge Caton suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. Before this affliction, advancing years had brought on the old trouble with his eyes, which had, happily for his future career, turned his attention from a trade, but up to the beginning of 1893, he was able to read a little with the aid of strong glasses. By the aid of a reading-secretary, he keeps up an acquaintance with literature and current events. Even the added trial of decay in his powers of locomotion did not make him despair or become morose. To a close friend he said: "I do not repine. I do not lament the advance of age and the loss of faculties; not one bit. I enjoy my life, and thank-



fully recognize the numberless compensations and alleviations that are mercifully left me. No; I am well content."

He still survives at the age of eighty-three, and

it is a little remarkable that the first lawyer in Chicago to bring a case in a court of record is still with us, with intellect unimpaired, when the bar numbers more than three thousand.

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## THOMAS H. WEBSTER.

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**T**HOMAS HOLMES WEBSTER. Among the many fire-insurance agents with which La Salle Street abounds, there is, perhaps, no other man whose reputation for safe and conservative business methods has been more consistently sustained than he whose name heads this notice. His entire business training and experience have been acquired in this city, and, while the opportunities for speculation have been abundant, and the chances for unusual profit have seemed quite as alluring to him as to others, he has conscientiously avoided all participation in that hazardous and demoralizing field, confining his attention to the regular channels of business, and thereby maintaining his business credit and securing the confidence and good-will of his associates.

Mr. Webster was born in Leeds, England, on the 29th of October, 1846. His parents, John and Mary (Holmes) Webster, were natives of Yorkshire. John Webster was employed for some years in the cloth-mills at Leeds, but being desirous of procuring better opportunities for his growing family, in 1853 he came to America. He located in Chicago and secured employment with the Chicago Gas Light and Coke Company, whose interests he continued to serve until his death, which occurred in 1866, at the age of forty-two years. He began as a laborer, but with such faithfulness and ability did he serve the interests of the company that he was soon promoted to a more remunerative occupation, and at the time of his demise was the assistant Secretary of the company.

His wife survived him but two years, passing away at the age of forty-four. They were members of the Second Baptist Church of Chicago, and had formerly been connected with the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Thomas H. Webster, with his mother and the balance of the family, joined his father in Chicago in 1855. He is one of a family of thirteen children, of whom but two others now survive. Their names are Sarah H., Mrs. W. C. Corlies; and Louisa L., Mrs. R. M. Johnson, all of Chicago. Thomas was educated in the public schools of this city, and upon the death of his father assumed the care of the family, supplying to its members, as far as possible, the place of the deceased parent. His first employment was in the capacity of a clerk in a dry-goods store, where he continued for about one year. Since the 1st of August, 1863, he has been consecutively connected with the business of fire underwriting. He began as office boy for the Chicago Firemen's Insurance Company, but was soon appointed to a clerkship, and about 1865 became the cashier of the company. This position he filled until the concern was annihilated by the great fire of 1871. After that disaster, the affairs of the corporation were placed in the hands of Hon. O. H. Horton, as assignee, and this gentleman secured the services of Mr. Webster as his assistant, his familiarity with the affairs of the concern being of great value in closing up its business.

Mr. Webster was afterwards successively connected with the firms of Walker & Lowell, and

the Globe Insurance Company, continuing with the latter concern until it went out of business in 1876. He then became a clerk for S. M. Moore, with whom he soon after entered into partnership, under the firm name of S. M. Moore & Company. Upon the retirement of the senior member in 1886, this firm was succeeded by that of Webster & Wiley, Mr. E. N. Wiley becoming the junior partner. In 1889 the latter firm was consolidated with that of H. de Roode & Company, under the name of Webster, Wiley & de Roode. On the first of November, 1894, Mr. de Roode retired from the firm, since which time the business has been conducted under the name of Webster, Wiley & Company, Mr. C. P. Jennings having become a third partner on January 1, 1895.

Mr. Webster was married, September 13, 1881, to Miss Anna Martindale, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Rev. Theodore D. Martindale, a

Methodist clergyman of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Webster are the parents of two sons, Frank M. and Ralph N. Mr. Webster is identified with the Union League, Sunset and Metropolitan Clubs, and Lexington Council of the National Union. He is not an active participant in political strife, but has all his life been a supporter of Republican principles.

Having been the head of a family from the age of twenty years, he has had few opportunities for recreation, and finds his greatest pleasure in the midst of the home circle. His business operations have been confined to the realm of fire underwriting, and while others have in some instances accumulated more wealth than he, the substantial friendship and esteem of his colleagues are his, and his record is one which causes no regrets.

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## WILLIAM C. GOUDY.

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**W**ILLIAM CHARLES GOUDY. To be a leader in any profession in a city the size of Chicago, means to be the possessor of large intellect, of close application and happy fortune; to be in the front rank of contemporary lawyers in a metropolis whose courts decide as many cases as the combined judiciary of all Great Britain, is a mark of pre-eminence indeed. Such pre-eminent distinction has been already noted by the Muse of History in her vast temple of fame, where, chiseled in conspicuous recent strength, we read the sterling name of William Charles Goudy.

Mr. Goudy was born near Cincinnati, Ohio (but "across the line" in Indiana), on the 15th day of May, 1824, unto Robert and Jane (Ainslie) Goudy. His father was a native of North Ireland and of Scotch-Irish ancestry, of that virile

blood which has already played so thrilling a part in American history on sea and land. The name is spelled Goudie in Scotland, where the poet Burns immortalized it in song in that stanza of a poem wherein occurs the line, "Goudie, terror of the Whigs!" The family continues to hew true to the block, for who ever heard of any Goudy who was anything but a Democrat in the United States? His mother, who was of English birth, was residing in Pennsylvania when taken to wife by Mr. Goudy's father.

Robert Goudy was a carpenter in early life, later changing, as do so many of our citizens, his calling to printing, in which craft he was busied for some years at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. But when the future Judge Goudy was a boy of ten years, his father moved to Jacksonville, Illinois, a most fortunate field, as afterwards developed, for all the



family. Here, in 1833, he began the publication of *Goudy's Farmers' Almanac*, the first annual of its kind to be printed in the Northwest, which, filling a greatly felt need, grew speedily into the deserved prominence it maintained for the many years during which it was a household word. Later, he embarked in a newspaper of fair proportions for that era; in which connection let it not be overlooked that it was the first press to call pointed attention to that rising young star, Stephen A. Douglas. The son also did his share of battling for this candidate during that heated campaign when Douglas defeated Lincoln in the memorable congressional contest.

The subject of this sketch graduated at the Illinois College of Jacksonville in 1845, an *alma mater* made proud time and again by the grand deeds of her hero pupil, whom she has twice honored with her post-graduate degrees, namely, Master of Arts and Doctor of Laws. Suffice to say, that none of her myriad graduates ever won such special favor more fairly than he of whom we are writing.

While reading law thereafter, Mr. Goudy taught school in Decatur. Later he went for a time into the office of Stephen A. Logan, partner of Lincoln. In 1847 he was admitted to the Bar at Lewistown, Illinois, entering directly into partnership with Hon. Hezekiah M. Weed, of that place, where he rapidly rose in public notice and favor. Taking an active part in politics, he was partially rewarded in 1852 by being elected States Attorney of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, which position of trust he resigned in 1856; and from 1857 to 1861 was twice returned as State Senator for the Fulton-McDonough district. In 1859 fame and rapidly growing practice invited him to Chicago, the great Western center, which, like Athens of old, calls annually for its tribute of talent and oratory from its outlying territory. For about the next thirty-five years his reputation and his wealth grew with amazing rapidity, until none throughout the entire Mississippi Valley was better or more favorably known in his profession than Judge Goudy. His learned skill was demonstrated in the higher courts all over this western county, from which, in frequent

triumphs, he went to more honorable laurels achieved before that tribunal of *dernier resort*, the Supreme Court of the United States. His specialty was the law of real property, in which branch of learning he was recognized as a leader all over the vast domain his talents dominated; indeed, there have been expressed on more than one occasion sincere regrets that Judge Goudy left no published work upon this broad field of judicature, of especial application in the newer West, for the guidance of future brothers. It would indeed have been the labor of a legal giant, gigantically performed. During all this later period, not a volume of Illinois Reports, and they number into the hundreds, but bears his name as attorney or counsel in cases of gravest import and representing questions and corporations of greatest magnitude.

As illustrating the thoroughness with which he worked and the minuteness of inquiry and research to which he would voluntarily go, rather than admit he was beaten or acknowledge there was no redress (in his opinion) for his client, we must digress sufficiently to call attention to that case (the Kingsbury-Buckner), perhaps most famous of all his many noted cases, which involved the question of the fee of that splendid piece of central real estate upon which now stands the Ashland Building, the great law office resort, corner of Randolph and Clark Streets, in our city. This case long looked hopeless for the party in whose interests Judge Goudy had been retained. Conviction of the fact that the grantee, who seemed to own the fee, was really a holder for *cestuis qui trust* was sincerely entertained, but in support of such hypothesis not a scintilla of evidence seemed possible to be introduced. Early and late, far and near, in and out of season, our lawyer toiled to find some slight link, so vital to support such a much-sought chain of title. In short, almost at a standstill, sufficient proof was at last unearthed from a letter written as casual correspondence to a relative of the writer in the Down East. This became the turning-point of the case. For his services the Judge is said to have been paid the largest fee known in the West. How many thousands is not known, but



surely it was earned in such a manner as to be gladly paid by a client who would have lived and died in ignorant non-assertion of rights, but for the untiring researches of his lawyer. Let every young attorney ponder well the significance of the story; just such opportunities time and again have made in an instant the name and fame of the energetic hero. The ability to win cases is the crucial test of lawyers; and a still greater test is the ability to effect a desirable compromise, as the subject of this sketch often did; for example, in the notable Wilbur F. Storey will case.

During the later years of his exceedingly active career, the firm of which he was senior member was styled Goudy, Green & Goudy, and for a considerable period prior to his demise he was chief counsel for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, in which position he had the exceptional fortune of holding his former private clientage. It is worth recording that the reasons for his being retained by that railway were found in numerous suits brought against it by Mr. Goudy for clients, who usually won.

Mr. Goudy married, August 22, 1849, a most estimable and cultured lady, Miss Helen Judd, of Canton, Illinois, a daughter of Solomon Judd, quite a distinguished Abolitionist. His father was Solomon Judd, Sr., of Westhampton, Massachusetts, coming of excellent ancestry, tracing back to the pride of all Yankees, the "Mayflower" of 1620. Mrs. Goudy's mother was Eleanor Clark, born of an old Northampton, Massachusetts, family.

Two children cheered their most happy wedded life. Clara Goudy (an adopted daughter), born in October, 1857, married, in 1887, Ira J. Geer, of this city, a practicing lawyer of superior repute, by whom she has one child, William Jewett Geer. Judge Goudy left an only son, William Judd Goudy, who was born in 1864, for an extended sketch of whom *vide* other pages herein.

Mrs. Goudy was born on the 21st of November, 1821, at Otisco, Onondaga County, New York, was educated at the Aurora Academy of that State, after which she taught school for about nine years. She then removed to Canton, Illinois,

where she had been teaching her own private school for young ladies about two years at the time Judge Goudy won her undying affections. She survives her deeply mourned husband, and, while not in perfect health, yet for her mature age well preserved; and it is the earnest wish of all her myriad friends and recipients of generous benefactions that she may long continue in a sphere of wisely contented usefulness. She is unostentatiously conspicuous for her many works of charity, formal recognition of which was made some years since in her elevation to the position of President of the Board of Managers of the Half Orphan Asylum. Truly may it be said in simple, modest truth, her life has been a model for imitation.

The old Goudy homestead, one of the choicest, most elegant of its time, was located in what has since become a very public neighborhood, about No. 1140 North Clark Street. In the early days it stood in a magnificent grove of trees some acres in extent, whose retirement received a continual benediction from the murmurs of the lake near at hand. Later operations have subdivided and covered with many dwellings this lovely property. "And the place thereof shall know it no more." Anticipating growing encroachment upon that privacy in which Mr. Goudy so much delighted, he finally built a solid, ornate mansion of gray granite at No. 240 Goethe Street, than which none of our citizens can boast of a more complete or elegant home. In full view of the lake (but a block distant), contiguous to a beautiful private park, within easy access of business haunts, and yet enjoying the stillness of a veritable country seat, Judge Goudy with his wife there found the oasis of existence, his seat of recuperative rest, his scene of domestic bliss, for he was emphatically, notwithstanding the grandeur and publicity which cast a halo about his character, a domestic man. Though a valued member of the Union and Iroquois Clubs, he was not an *habitué* of their inviting halls, save on rare special occasions.

In politics, like all his lineage, he was a sturdy Democrat; not particularly aggressive, but full of wise counsels and dictator of winning courses to

he pursued in accomplishing certain political ends. His first vote was cast for Lewis Cass in 1848; he had much to do with the nomination of President Cleveland to his last term of office; and might have passed away in occupation of the most dignified seat of judicial honor within the gift of our country, *i. e.*, the Supreme Bench of the United States, had not his ever honorable principles decided him to withdraw in favor of his old friend, the present Chief Justice, M. W. Fuller. He was at one time President of the Lincoln Park Board of Commissioners, as he had been among those most actively valuable in laying out the bounds and bringing into being that most beautiful of all our resorts.

Judge Goudy was a "gentleman of the old school," always courteous and scrupulously honorable; the possessor of a frankly-bright, prepossessing face, brimful of character. A very broad forehead surmounted features all finely chiseled; his figure was but of medium height and physical weight, but capable of expressing great dignity upon occasion. Though rather sickly in youth, by abstemious habits he had grown for many years to be quite robust, in which condition he was maintained by studious attention to all his

habits, save that of work. In this, he reminds one strongly of the great Cæsar, who, sickly in youth, by careful regimen grew to endure incredible labors. Indeed, it was from over application, following too speedily a season of malady, that Judge Goudy met his end April 27, 1893; which found him suddenly, like the lightning flash, seated in his chair by the office desk, whither he had injudiciously repaired upon important business. His tough, perennial thread of life, which had been vexed and tugged at time and again by his response to urgent demands, was strained beyond endurance; it snapped, and the heroic melody of a noble life became forever instantly silent. He was buried under the auspices of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, in which he had always had a vital interest, and now sleeps the peaceful sleep of the just in the family lot at Grace-land Cemetery, which spot will long continue to be marked by the dignified memorial now rising over his remains.

He left a supremely honorable name. Out of the many illustrious heroes found herein, none need doubt that the memory of the greatest will not survive that of Hon. William Charles Goudy.

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## HENRY F. FRINK.

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**H**ENRY FARNSWORTH FRINK, whose business and social relations cause him to be well known in Cook County, enjoys the distinction of being a native of Chicago, and represents one of its most esteemed pioneer families. The house in which he was born stood at the corner of Wabash Avenue and Randolph Street, and the date of his advent was April 17, 1848. His parents were John and Harriet Frink, an appropriate notice of whom is given elsewhere in this book.

Henry F. Frink was afforded excellent educa-

tional advantages, and at twenty years of age graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the Chicago University. It is needless to add that his subsequent career has been such as to reflect credit upon his Alma Mater. He began the study of law in the office of Sleeper, Whiton & Durham, and in 1872 was admitted to practice by a committee composed of members of the Bar appointed for the purpose of examining candidates. Since that date he has been continuously engaged in practice, making a specialty of real-estate law and the examination of abstracts. His



ample experience and accurate knowledge of these subjects are of great value to himself and his clients, and cause his opinions to be received with respectful attention by attorneys and officials generally. He deals in city and suburban realty to a considerable extent, and by the exercise of foresight and discrimination in these operations has accumulated a competence, which he endeavors to invest in such a manner as to promote the commercial interests of the community. In 1891 he organized the Austin State Bank, of which he has ever since been the President, giving considerable of his time and attention to its affairs. His business of all kinds has been conducted in such a manner as to secure the best results to his colleagues and at the same time to inspire the confidence of the public in his judgment and integrity.

On the 14th of April, 1886, occurred the marriage of Mr. Frink and Miss Louise Creote, a most estimable lady and a daughter of Joseph Creote, an early pioneer of Chicago.\* A daughter, Mildred, helps to brighten the home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Frink. The former of this couple

adheres to the Episcopal faith, in the tenets of which he was instructed in youth, while his wife is a member of the Baptist Church at Austin, where the family resides.

Socially, Mr. Frink is identified with the Royal League and Athletic Clubs. While never an active politician, he is not unmindful of the duties of citizenship, and usually casts his ballot in support of Republican principles.

Previous to the great Chicago fire he occupied an office with W. D. Kerfoot at No. 95 Washington Street, and for a time subsequent to that disaster he shared with that gentleman the historic cabin in the street, which served them as a shelter pending the rescue of their safe from the embers and the erection of their new building. He did duty as a member of the citizens' patrol guard immediately after the great fire, a temporary arrangement for the protection of homes and property, which was instrumental in preventing a great deal of the pillage and plundering to which the city was exposed until the police force could be re-organized.

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## JAMES M. ADSIT.

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**J**AMES M. ADSIT. To have been among the first in Chicago to engage in any honorable calling is quite sufficient to make such a one a local historical personage for all time to come, and so the career of James M. Adsit is filled with unusual interest, because of the conspicuous fact that, apart from his being an exceptional character, he was among the first bankers to enter upon a career of finance within the present limits of Cook County.

Mr. Adsit was born February 5, 1809, in Spencertown, Columbia County, New York, unto Leonard and Frances Adsit (*nee* Davenport). His father dying when the son was but six years of age, he went to live and remain with his grandfather Adsit, and after finishing the com-

mon-school education customary for those early days, went for a time into employment in his uncle Ira Davenport's store.

On April 2, 1838, he arrived in Chicago, then a city of but a single year's standing, consisting of only a few streets stragglingly built up; and, as one of the earliest pioneers, founded a private bank at Number 37 Clark Street in 1850, having up to that time, from the date of his arrival, been engaged in loans and investments on Lake Street. In 1856 he removed one door to Number 39 Clark Street, where he remained until the "Chicago Fire," at which time he had the great misfortune to lose all of his personal papers and books connected intimately with much of Chicago's early history, whereby vanished forever



valuable data covering the development of the city for its first three decades. But fortune was his on that occasion to save the bulk of moneys and securities in the vaults of his office, thereby being able to reassure his depositors, many of whom on days following came with woeful visage, in expectation of news of their hard-earned means having gone up in flames.

Shortly after he had re-opened his banking business at Number 422 Wabash Avenue for a few months, he removed to a store on Wabash Avenue a few doors from Congress, thence to the Ogden Building, corner Lake and Clark Streets. He then built at Number 41 Clark Street, where he continued in active life until 1881. At that date, owing somewhat to failing health, he decided to merge his corporation into the Chicago National Bank, of which he became the first Vice-President, resigning, however, in 1885, at which time he retired from active life.

His shortsightedness, if indeed we are right to so style the matter, was a lack of faith in the future real-estate values of Chicago. Had a bold course been adopted in this direction, it would have resulted in the acquiring of an estate vast indeed: but sufficient honor is his, in that he unswervingly carried out his financial life in strict integrity.

While ever a staunch Republican in politics, Mr. Adsit was never prominent in public life, figuring rather in the background on movements which were to be carried out for the public weal. In that sense he was always a most active and useful member in aid of advances. Among the institutions with which he was conspicuously associated was the Mechanics' Institute, of which he was the first Vice-President. Following the panic of 1857, when threatened by adverse circumstances with destruction, he lent strong financial support, and was for years one of the chief managers, until its future of honor and usefulness was assured. In 1871 he was Chairman of the Clearing House Association. Among the large estates promoted under his management was that of Allen C. Lewis, which was enhanced greatly in value through his shrewd handling.

He was a member of the North Side Union

Club, but growing infirmity of health and life-long devotion to home influences prevented much social dissipation. On Dearborn Avenue, at the corner of Elm Street, in a luxurious mansion-house, to which he removed in 1884, he spent happy days following a most usefully busy career.

Up to the time of the great fire, he had attended at the Wabash Avenue Methodist Church; afterwards for some years at the Plymouth Congregational Church, but finally became an habitual attendant at David Swing's church, on the North Side, following him to the Music Hall organization across the river, being thus long in intimate relations with him who so feelingly officiated at the final obsequies, preceding interment at Graceland. The time of going to the other shore was September 4, 1894, subsequent to a stroke of paralysis and some years of indisposition; and when his venerable form, which had borne the trials of upwards of eighty-five years, was laid to rest, there was not a dry eye over the melancholy thought that the worthiest of the remnant of the early pioneers had gone to his well-merited reward. And thus the first generation passed into that history which it is the province of this publication to rescue from oblivion for the edification and teaching of future times.

Said the well-known philanthropist, Dr. Pearson, in speaking of Mr. Adsit: "He was a thoroughly upright man, whom I never knew to fail in any undertaking. He passed through the panics of 1857, 1866 and 1873, and the great fire, not without financial loss, but without a blemish upon his reputation, meeting every obligation faithfully." Mr. John J. Mitchell, President of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, remarked shortly after his demise: "Mr. Adsit was a man of the very highest integrity, and none stood higher than he among the business men and bankers of Chicago. \* \* \* In his death Chicago loses not only one of her foremost citizens, but one who helped to make the city's history, and the success she now enjoys."

Mr. Adsit married, January 21, 1840, Miss Arville Chapin, of Chicago, who, herself in advanced age, survives him, waiting her message to join on the other side him she so long, so deep-

ly loved. Seven children blessed their union, namely:

Leonard D. Adsit, who was born January 29, 1841, and who died in Chicago in 1879, having been a banker, associated with his father;

Isabella F., who married Ezra I. Wheeler, of Chicago, a commission merchant, now deceased, leaving her without children;

James M. Adsit, Jr., born April 7, 1847, unmarried; a former banker with his father; now a stock broker with office in the Stock Exchange;

Charles Chapin, who is associated with his brother as a stock broker; born July 14, 1853; married in October, 1890, to Mary Bowman Ashby, of Louisville, Kentucky, by whom one child, Charles Chapin, Jr., was born July 3, 1892;

Caroline Jane, educated at Dearborn Seminary, then at Miss Ogden Hoffman's private school in New York City; unmarried;

Frank S., born September 7, 1855; died in childhood;

Jeanie M., educated at Dearborn Seminary; unmarried.

Mrs. Adsit comes of an old and distinguished New England family, of which she is a representative of the seventh American generation. Springfield, Massachusetts, is their leading home-stand, where members have erected a magnificent statue of their "Puritan divine" ancestor.

Deacon Samuel Chapin, who married a Miss

Cisily, was the progenitor from whom are descended all in the United States. He came from abroad to Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1641, at which time he took the "freeman's oath" in Boston. The following year he went to Springfield, then one of the frontier towns, where he was for a long time a local magistrate and one of its first deacons.

His son Henry married Bethia Cooley, and resided in Springfield. Was a Representative in the General Court, a merchant sea-captain between London and Boston; afterwards retired to live in Boston; then to Springfield. He had a son,

Deacon Benjamin, who married Hannah Colton, and lived in Chicopee, a set-off portion of northern Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was one of its first deacons. He had a son

Captain Ephraim, who married Jemima Chapin, his own cousin; lived in Chicopee, where he was an old-time inn-keeper. He also served in the French and Indian Wars. He had a son

Bezaleel, who also married his own cousin, Thankful Chapin; living at Ludlow Massachusetts. He had a son

Oramel, who married Suzan Rood; living in Ludlow, Massachusetts, thence removing to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, later to Chicago, where he died.

Their daughter Arville married the subject of this sketch.

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## HAMILTON M. ROBINSON.

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**H**AMILTON MOFFAT ROBINSON was born in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England, February 12, 1862, and is the eldest son of James Hamilton Robinson and Frances Jane Moffat. Both the parents represent ancient Scottish families.

James H. Robinson, who was born in London

and educated at the Edinburgh High School, engaged in business in Manchester, England, soon after completing his education, and later in London, in the East India trade. He continued in business about thirty years, dealing in jute and export merchandise. During a portion of this time he resided at Calcutta, in order to give



personal supervision to his export trade. In 1885 he retired from business and came to America, locating at Winnipeg, Manitoba, where his children had preceded him and where he still resides. His father, George Brown Robinson, had succeeded his (George's) father in the East India trade, and also resided for some years in Calcutta. He married Jane Campbell Hamilton, like himself a native of Scotland. She is still living in London, at the age of seventy-five years.

Mrs. Frances J. Robinson was a daughter of Col. Bowland Moffat, who commanded the Fifty-fourth Regiment of the British army, was a veteran of the Crimean War, and was stationed for some years at Calcutta, at which place Mr. and Mrs. James H. Robinson were married. A number of the ancestors of Colonel Moffat were well-to-do merchants in the West India trade, and several members of the family served in the British army.

Hamilton M. Robinson was but six months old when the family moved from London and again took up its residence in Calcutta. Seven years subsequently he returned to Europe, and attended boarding-schools at various points in the South of England. At the age of sixteen years he finished the course at Chatham House College, Ramsgate, Kent. It had been his intention to enter the East Indian civil service, but owing to his father's financial embarrassments at that time, he abandoned this purpose and entered the London office of Kelly & Company, East India merchants. He began in the capacity of office boy, but with such vigor and intelligence did he apply himself to business, that in the brief space of four years he became the office manager of the firm. He continued in that connection until September, 1883, when he determined to seek a wider field for the development of his talents and ability, and came to America, joining his brother in the Northwest Territory of Canada. He homesteaded a farm in Manitoba, but a short time sufficed to convince him that the pursuit of agriculture was neither as profitable nor congenial as he had anticipated. In the following May he joined a friend who was coming to Chicago, and has ever since made this city his home and place

of business. In the spring of 1885 he again visited the Northwest Territory, and as a member of Colonel Boulton's scouts, assisted in suppressing the Riel rebellion.

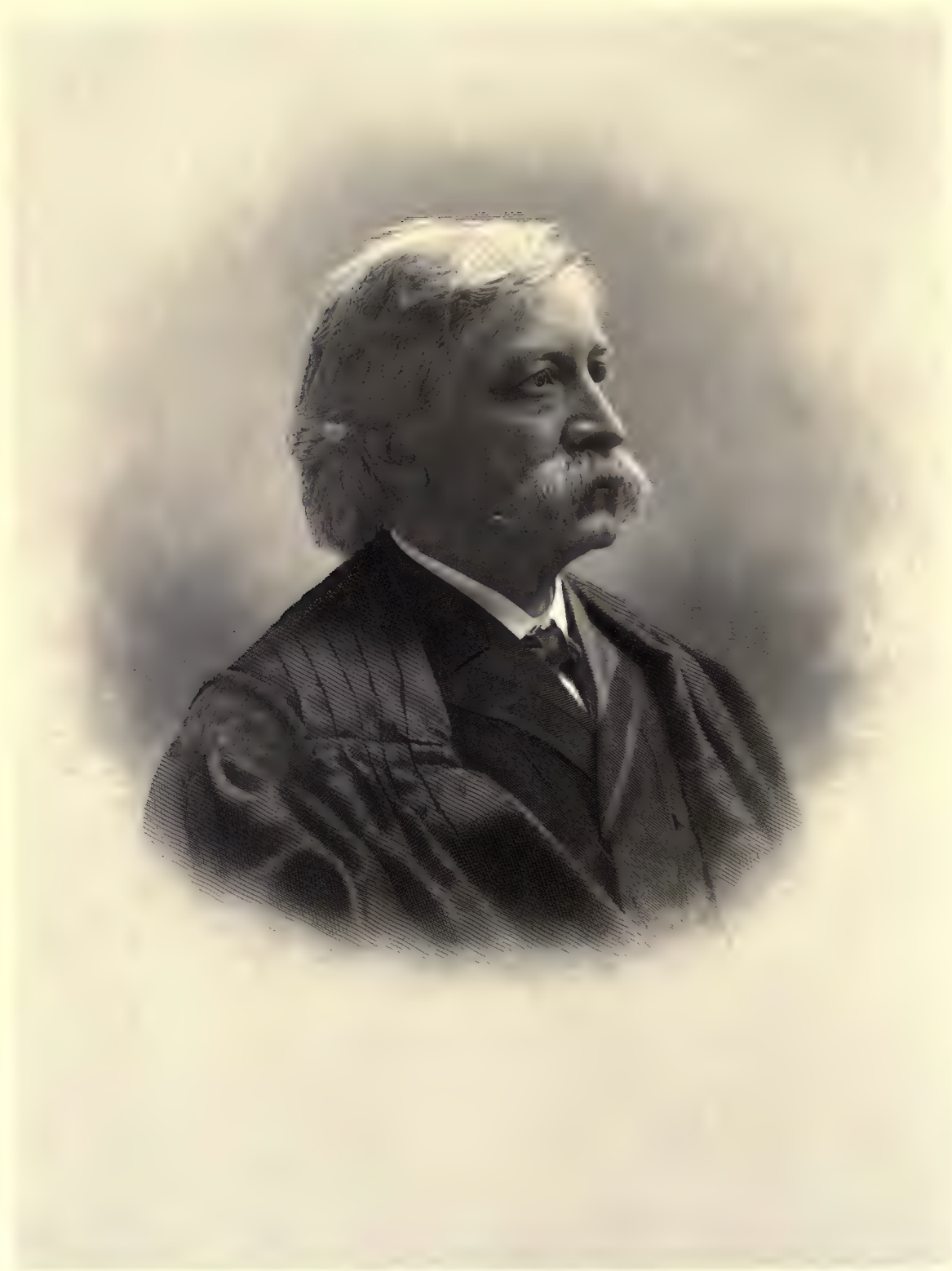
He arrived here with neither money, friends nor influence, and wasted no time in seeking or waiting for a genteel position, but immediately began work at the first employment which he could obtain. In the mean time he was constantly on the alert for a more lucrative occupation, and in a few weeks secured a position as bookkeeper with the Anglo-American Packing and Provision Company, with which he remained for about three years. In May, 1887, he resigned this employment and obtained a position with the firm of Crosby & Macdonald, marine underwriters. He continued in this connection about five years, winning the confidence and esteem of his employers, and demonstrating his integrity and ability for the transaction of business. In whatever position he has been placed he has ever been an indefatigable worker, striving to promote the interests of those whom he served, even at the expense of his own health and personal comfort. On the first of June, 1892, Mr. Robinson formed a partnership with James B. Kellogg, under the firm name of Kellogg & Robinson, marine average adjusters. This is one of the leading firms of marine adjusters upon the shores of Lake Michigan, and their success has been gratifying from the start.

Mr. Robinson is a member of the Lake Board of Average Adjusters, and of the Association of Average Adjusters of the United States. He has never identified himself with any political party, but takes an intelligent interest in questions of public policy, and has been an American citizen since 1891. He is heartily in sympathy with the spirit of American institutions, and may be classed as one of the most desirable and useful among the foreign-born citizens of Chicago.

He was married, in 1887, to Ida T. Cleverdon, of Toronto, province of Ontario, Canada, daughter of William Thompson Cleverdon and Nanie Geech, both formerly residents of Halifax, Nova Scotia.



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## MELVILLE W. FULLER.

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**M**ELVILLE WESTON FULLER. The following sketch of Chief Justice Fuller was written by the late Major Joseph Kirkland for the "History of Chicago," published by Munsell & Company, by whose permission it is here reprinted:

Chief Justice Fuller traces his descent direct to the "Mayflower." His father was Frederick A. Fuller, and his mother Catherine Martin Weston. His grandfather on the mother's side was Nathan Weston, Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Court; and his uncle, George Melville Weston, was a prominent lawyer of Augusta. Melville Weston Fuller was born February 11, 1833, at Augusta, Maine, and grew up with good educational advantages. He was prepared for college at Augusta, and entered Bowdoin College in 1849, where he was graduated in 1853. Thence he went to Dane Law School (Harvard), where so many of our western jurists have earned their diplomas. He is described as having been a rather aimless youth, but in college a model student, with a special gift for public speaking. He began his law practice in Augusta, but finding business lacking, he employed his time and eked out his income by newspaper work; a circumstance to which is doubtless due something of the literary facility which has always formed a strong feature in his career.

An interesting fact connected with this journalistic experience is this: At a certain session of the Legislature which Melville W. Fuller reported for the *Augusta Age* (which he and his uncle, B. A. G. Fuller, published together), James G. Blaine was engaged as correspondent of the *Kennebec*

*Journal*. Though opposed in politics, the two men were always personal friends, and at last, by a curious coincidence, found themselves in Washington together; the one Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the other Secretary of State.

Mr. Fuller's success in Augusta as a lawyer was in proportion to the law business of the place, and so not large or satisfying. His success in politics was in proportion to his ability, and therefore excellent. At twenty-three he was City Attorney and President of the Common Council of Augusta.

Still, it must have been unconsciously borne in upon him that Augusta and Maine, always loved and honored by him, were, after all, a "pent-up Utica" to such a soul as his. He must, at least, see the great West. In 1856 he came to Chicago, meeting here his friend and fellow-townsmen, Mr. S. K. Dow, a practicing lawyer, who urged him to emigrate, offering him a place in his office and, at his choice, either a partnership in the business or a salary of \$50 per month. He chose the latter, and worked on those terms five months, living within his income. But scarcely a year had passed before he began to do a fine and profitable business, which went on increasing with remarkable speed and steadiness up to the time of his leaving the Bar for the Supreme Bench.

In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and by friendship and sympathy a warm adherent of Stephen A. Douglas. At Mr. Douglas's death in 1861, he delivered the funeral oration, his speech being a masterly production. In the same year he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention, and two years later we find him in



the Illinois Legislature. Here he gave the same strenuous support to the war which was offered by other Douglas men; he was a Unionist, but not an anti-slavery man or Republican. The war Democrats were in favor of the war as they thought it should be conducted, giving their adherence to the McClellan plan as being the most certain to triumph and restore the integrity of the country.

Here it seems well to quote from some fine verses written by Mr. Fuller long afterward. They are on the death of General Grant, and show at once a loyal feeling for the great soldier's services and a true poetic thought and diction; a power of composition rare in the learned, practiced and successful lawyer:

Let drum to trumpet speak—  
The trumpet to the cannoneer without—  
The cannon to the heavens from each redoubt,  
Each lowly valley and each lofty peak,  
As to his rest the great commander goes  
Into the pleasant land of earned repose.  
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Not in his battles won,  
Though long the well-fought fields may keep their name,  
But in the wide world's sense of duty done,  
The gallant soldier finds the meed of fame;  
His life no struggle for ambition's prize,  
Simply the duty done that next him lies.  
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Earth to its kindred earth:  
The spirit to the fellowship of souls!  
As, slowly, Time the mighty scroll unrolls  
Of waiting ages yet to have their birth,  
Fame, faithful to the faithful, writes on high  
His name as one that was not born to die.

Mr. Fuller was a hard worker in his profession; and it is said of him that in any case his stoutest fighting is done when the day seems lost, when he is very apt to turn defeat into victory. He is reported to have had, during his thirty years' practice, as many as twenty-five hundred cases at the Chicago Bar; which, deducting his absence at the Legislature, etc., would give him at least one hundred cases a year; fewer, necessarily, in the earlier part of his practice, and more afterward. This shows a remarkable degree of activity and grasp of business. He has never made a specialty of any kind of law, though there are some wherein his name scarcely appears; for instance, divorce law and criminal law. Among his many cases are Field against Leiter; the Lake Front

case; Storey against Storey's estate; Hyde Park against Chicago; Carter against Carter, etc., and the long ecclesiastical trial of Bishop Cheney on the charge of heresy.

His partnership with Mr. Dow lasted until 1860. From 1862 to 1864 his firm was Fuller & Ham, then for two years Fuller, Ham & Shepard, and for two years more Fuller & Shepard. From 1869 to 1877 he had as partner his cousin, Joseph E. Smith, son of Governor Smith, of Maine. Since that time he has had no partner. His business was only such as he chose to accept; and his professional income has been estimated at from \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year. His property includes the Fuller Block on Dearborn Street, and is popularly valued at \$300,000.

He was a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions of 1864, 1872, 1876 and 1880, always taking a prominent place. Just after Mr. Cleveland's first election to the Presidency, Mr. Fuller called on him in Albany, and Mr. Cleveland at once conceived for him a very high appreciation. On the death of Chief Justice Waite it seemed desirable that the new Justice should be taken from the West; and Mr. Fuller's liberal education, the catholicity of his law practice, his marked industry, ability and command of language—all these, joined with his devotion to the principles of his party, made him a natural choice for nomination to the position. High and unexpected as was the honor, Mr. Fuller hesitated before accepting it. If it satisfies his ambition in one direction, it checks it in another.

The salary of the Chief Justice of the United States is \$10,500 a year; very far less than the gains arising from general practice in the front rank of lawyers, or from service as counsel of any one of hundreds of great corporations. So there comes a kind of dead-lock; if a man happens to be born to riches, he is pretty sure never to go through the hard work which alone gives leadership in the law. If he starts poor, then, having his fortune to make, he cannot take Federal judicial office, that being a life-long position. The only way in which the Federal Bench can be appropriately filled, under the circumstances, is when by chance a man prefers power and dignity

to mere riches; or where his success has been so sudden that he is able (and willing) to accept a judgeship as a kind of honorable retirement from the struggle and competition of practice.

Aside from these considerations, Mr. Fuller felt a natural hesitancy in undertaking a responsibility so trying and hazardous.

As to the money obstacle, Mr. Fuller probably felt himself, through his great and rapid success, able to afford to accept the appointment. He accepted it, was hailed in his new dignity with genial cordiality, and has filled the office with unimpeachable credit and honor.

Mr. Fuller's first wife was Miss Calista O. Reynolds. She died young, after bearing him two children. He married a second time, taking

to wife Mary Ellen, daughter of the distinguished banker, William F. Coolbaugh. His family now consists of eight daughters and one son; and his domestic and social relations are as happy as it is possible to imagine, the young ladies being full of gaiety and loveliness in all its styles and types. He himself is never so well content as in his own household, making merry with all. It is even whispered that should his resignation not throw his own party out of the tenancy of the office to which it chose him, he might give up the irksome and confining dignity and the forced residence in a strange city, and return to the West, to the city of his choice, to the home of his heart.

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## CAPT. JOHN PRINDIVILLE.

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**C**APT. JOHN PRINDIVILLE, whose name is a synonym for honesty, courage and generosity among the early residents of Chicago, was born in Ireland, September 7, 1826. The names of his parents were Maurice Prindiville and Catharine Morris. While a boy at school Maurice Prindiville ran away from home and went to sea, making a voyage to India, thereby gratifying his thirst for adventure and forfeiting the opportunity to enter Trinity College at Dublin. Returning to his native land, he there married Miss Morris, and in 1835 came with his family to America. After spending a year at Detroit, he came to Chicago, where he was for several years in charge of Newbury & Dole's grain warehouse. With his family, he took up his residence in a log house on Chicago Avenue, at the northern terminus of Wolcott (now North State) Street, which was subsequently extended. The locality was long known as "the Prindiville Patch." The nearest house was Judge Brown's residence, on the west side of Wolcott Street, between Ontario and Ohio Streets,

the only one between Prindiville's and River Street, the intervening territory being covered with thick woods. Indians and wild beasts were numerous in the vicinity at that time, and John Prindiville became quite familiar with the Indians and learned to speak several of their dialects. His father and he were firm friends of Chief Wau-bansee and others, and always espoused their cause in resisting the encroachments of the whites upon their rights and domains.

As a boy John was noted for his dare-devil pranks, though always popular with his comrades, whom he often led into difficulties, out of which he usually succeeded in bringing them without serious results. He was one of the first students at St. Mary's College, which was located at the corner of Wabash Avenue and Madison Street. Upon one occasion, he led a number of students upon a floating cake of ice near the shore of the lake. The wind suddenly changed, and, before they were aware of their condition, floated their precarious barge out into the lake. Upon discovering



the danger, John promptly led the way back to shore by wading through water breast deep. This prompt action, aided by his reputation for honesty and truthfulness, saved him from punishment at the hands of the college authorities. He always had a great desire to live upon the water, and at the age of eleven years he gratified this tendency by shipping as a cook on a lake schooner. Two of the first vessels upon which he sailed were the "Hiram Pearson" and "Constitution." His menial position made him the butt of the sailors, but he took so readily to the life of a mariner and performed his duties so thoroughly and capably, that he rapidly won promotion to more responsible posts, and when but nineteen years of age became the master of the schooner "Liberty," engaged in the lumber trade between Chicago and other Lake Michigan ports. For about ten years he was the skipper of sailing-vessels, abandoning the last of these in 1855, after which he commanded several steamers, although that was never so much to his taste as sailing. In 1860 he forsook marine life, though he has been ever since interested in the operation of lake craft. From 1855 to 1865 he and his brother, Redmond Prindiville, operated a line of tugs upon the Chicago River. During this time, in August, 1862, he had a narrow escape from instant death by the explosion of the boiler of the tug "Union." Though not regularly in command of the vessel, he chanced to be on board at that time, and had just left the wheel, going aft to hail another tug, when the accident occurred. Captain Daly, who took his place at the wheel, and several others were instantly killed.

As a skipper, Capt. John Prindiville was noted for quick trips, always managing to out-distance any competing vessels, though he made wreck of many spars and timbers by crowding on canvas. One of his standing orders was that sail should not be shortened without instructions, though it was allowable to increase it at any time deemed desirable. He was ever on the alert and always took good care of the lives of his crew and passengers. He was a strict disciplinarian, but was always popular with his men, who considered it a special honor to be able to sail with him, and

were ever ready to brave any danger to serve him. These included a number of those who had been accustomed to curse him when he first began his marine career in the capacity of cook.

In 1850 Captain Prindiville commanded the brigantine "Minnesota" (which was built in Chicago, below Rush Street Bridge), the first American vessel to traverse the St. Lawrence River. Her cargo consisted of copper from the Bruce Mines on Georgian Bay, and her destination was Swansea, Wales. Owing to the stupidity and incapacity of the pilot, she ran upon the rocks in Lachine Canal and was obliged to unload. This was a disappointment to the youthful captain, who was ambitious to be the first lake skipper to cross the ocean. He and his brothers owned the schooner "Pamlico," the first vessel loaded from Chicago for Liverpool. This was in 1873, and the cargo consisted of twenty-four thousand seven hundred bushels of corn.

November 17, 1857, occurred one of the most disastrous storms which ever visited Lake Michigan, an event long to be remembered by the families of those who were sailors at that time. A number of vessels were wrecked off the shore of Chicago, and many lives were sacrificed to the fury of the elements. The number of fatalities would have been far greater but for the bravery and hardihood of Captain Prindiville and his crew, who manned the tug "McQueen" and brought many of the men to land in safety, though at the peril of their own lives. For this act of bravery and humanity, on the evening of that day, Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, in behalf of the citizens, who had assembled at the Tremont House, tendered him a purse of \$700 in gold. This valuable testimonial he modestly declined, recommending that the money be distributed among the families of the crew of the "Flying Cloud," all of whom had been lost in the storm. This is only one of the many instances of his courage and self-sacrifice in behalf of others. It is an acknowledged and well-known fact that he has saved more human lives than any other navigator on Lake Michigan.

Captain Prindiville is the father of eight living children, the offspring of two marriages. On the



18th of November, 1845, Miss Margaret Kalehr became his bride. After her death he married Margaret Prendergast, a native of Burlington, Vermont, who came to Chicago with her parents about 1840. Of his three sons, Redmond is now an ex-captain of lake craft, and resides in Chicago. James W. and Thomas J. are associated with their father in the vessel and marine business.

Captain Prindiville has been a steadfast Roman Catholic from boyhood, and is now a communicant of the Cathedral of the Holy Name. He is

broad-minded and tolerant toward all sincere Christians. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and in national politics has been a life-long Democrat, but gives his support to any good citizen for local office, irrespective of party fealty. He has been a member of the Chicago Board of Trade since 1856, and is now one of the oldest citizens connected with that body. His noble, self-sacrificing spirit and unquestioned integrity of character have won a host of friends, by whom his memory will be cherished long after the mere man of millions has passed into obscurity.

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## JOHN W. CARY.

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JOHN W. CARY was the lineal descendant in the fifth generation of John Cary, who came from Somersetshire, near Bristol, England, in 1634, and joined the Plymouth Colony, and a son of Asa Cary, who was born in Mansfield, Connecticut, in 1774. He was born February 11, 1817, in Shoreham, Vermont. Fourteen years later, his parents removed to western New York, where he attended the common school, assisting his father on the farm until, at the age of twenty, he entered Union College. He supported himself through college, and was graduated with the Class of 1842. Two years later he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of New York, and followed his profession in Wayne and Cayuga Counties until 1850, when he removed to Wisconsin, taking up his residence at Racine. He took an active interest in educational matters, and as a School Commissioner was instrumental in developing the public-school system of Racine. He was elected State Senator in 1852, and Mayor in 1857. Two years later he removed his home to Milwaukee, and was at

once engaged as solicitor and counsel to foreclose the mortgages given by the La Crosse & Milwaukee Railroad Company. At the resulting sale, the property was purchased by the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company (now the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul), which he had incorporated, and of which he continued as the legal adviser and one of the controlling spirits to the day of his death, a period of thirty-six years. Until 1887 he was the General Solicitor of that company, at which time the Board of Directors created the office of General Counsel, and he was then chosen to that position, which he continued to fill up to the time of his death. He was not only the legal adviser of that company, counseling on all questions and conducting all its litigation, in which he was eminently successful, especially before the Supreme Court of the United States, but during all that time he was the chief counselor and adviser of the general policy of the company. He stood high in the legal profession, and was regarded by all as one of the best equipped railway lawyers in the country. Some of the

cases in which he appeared as counsel before the Supreme Court of the United States, and in which he was successful, rank among the most notable cases of that court. He argued before that court what is known as the Milk Rate case, which was the case of the State of Minnesota against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, decided in April, 1890. The magnitude of that case, both as regards the principle involved and the moneyed interest affected, places it by the side of such cases as the Dartmouth College case, the case of *McCulloch versus Maryland*, and the Slaughter House cases. The Supreme Court in that case held, as Mr. Cary had for many years contended, that the reasonableness of a rate of charge for transportation of property by a railroad company was a question of judicial determination, rather than of arbitrary legislative action, and that State Legislatures, in fixing the rates of freight, must fix reasonable rates; that is, rates which are compensatory, such as will permit carriers to receive reasonable profits upon their invested capital, the same as other persons are permitted to receive.

The success of Mr. Cary in this case is all the more notable from the fact that fifteen years previously he appeared as counsel for the St. Paul Company in what are known as the Granger cases, in which that court declined to adopt the rule which it afterwards established in the Milk Rate case.

Of the members of that court at the time the Granger cases were argued, but one remains, Justice Field, and of the leading counsel who appeared in those cases all have passed away except William M. Evarts. It is a notable fact that Mr. Cary survived every justice who was a member of that court at the time of his first appearance therein, as well as the leading lawyers who were practicing in that court at that time.

It is told of Mr. Cary that he successfully argued fourteen cases during one session of the Supreme Court, against such men as Caleb Cushing, Matt H. Carpenter, Henry A. Cram, of New York, and other eminent men.

In 1872, while a member of the Wisconsin State Legislature, he was requested to draw a

general railroad law for the state, which he did, and the statute which he prepared was adopted and is still in force, and has passed into history as one of the most important laws ever enacted in Wisconsin, and is regarded by all as a law fair both to the people and the railway companies.

No person in the State of Wisconsin was better or more favorably known than Mr. Cary. His reputation as a lawyer of marked abilities, and his character for candor and integrity as a man, were enviable. At all times and everywhere he maintained the honor of his profession and the majesty of the law. Those who knew him best respected him the most.

He always took a great interest in political affairs, and was unusually well versed in national and political history. Throughout his entire manhood he was a devoted adherent of Democracy, receiving in 1864 the nomination for Congress, and upon several occasions the complimentary vote of the Legislature for United States Senator. During the long period in which the Democratic party was in the minority, which covered nearly the whole of his maturer years, Mr. Cary remained steadfast in his loyalty to its principles. But for this fact his name would undoubtedly have found place on the pages of history among the most eminent statesmen of his generation. A man of vast mental endowment, clear of judgment, and true as the needle to the pole was he to the right as he saw the right.

He resided in Milwaukee until 1890, when the general offices of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company were removed to Chicago. At this time he removed his home to Hinsdale, a suburb of Chicago, where he resided until his death, which occurred in Chicago on March 29, 1895.

In 1844 Mr. Cary was married to Eliza Vilas, who died in 1845, leaving a daughter, Eliza. In 1847 he was married to Isabel Brinkerhoff. He has seven children living, namely: Eliza, who is the wife of Sherburn Sanborn; Frances, the widow of Charles D. Kendrick; Melbert B., Fred A., John W., Jr., George P. and Paul V.

In his intercourse with his fellow-men, and with his associates in professional labor, he was



always, considerate and gentle. No unkind or reproachful word ever passed his lips. He was true and faithful in friendship, magnanimous in his dealings with others, and every act was prompted by the highest sense of honor. He was modest and unassuming, simple and unaffected in

manner, and admired, trusted and loved by all who knew him.

"In his family and home life  
He was all sunshine; in his face  
The very soul of sweetness shone."

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## EDWARD W. BAILEY.

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**E**DWARD WILLIAM BAILEY, a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, was born at Elmore, La Moille County, Vermont, August 31, 1843. His parents, George W. Bailey and Rebecca Warren, were natives of Berlin, Vermont. The Bailey family is remotely of Scotch lineage. George W. Bailey was one of a family of thirteen children, and was bereft of his father in childhood. He participated in the War of 1812, entering the service of the United States at the age of sixteen years. But little is known of his service, except that he was in the battle of Fort Erie. He became a prominent farmer and practical business man, officiating as President of the Vermont Mutual Life Insurance Company, and for many years filled the office of Judge of Probate in Washington County, a circumstance which indicates the regard and confidence reposed in him by his fellow-citizens. His death occurred at Montpelier in 1868, at the age of seventy years. Mrs. Rebecca Bailey was a daughter of Abel Warren. She died upon the homestead farm at Elmore in 1885, having reached the mature age of eighty-three years.

Edward W. Bailey is the youngest of ten children. His education was obtained in the public schools, and in Washington County Grammar School at Montpelier. From the age of seventeen years, he assisted his father in the management of the homestead farm, thereby developing a strong muscular frame and acquiring strength and endurance for the subsequent battle of life.

He also inherited the upright character and conscientious principles for which his progenitors had been conspicuous, and when, in 1869, he entered upon his commercial career, he was fully competent to meet and master the exigencies and vicissitudes which ever beset the business man. At that date he purchased a grocery store at Montpelier, and the following year he and his partner increased their business by the addition of a gristmill. When the firm dissolved, a few years later, Mr. Bailey retained the mill and still continues to own and operate the same.

In 1879 he located in Chicago, and, in partnership with V. W. Bullock, began dealing in grain on commission, an occupation which still employs his time and attention. After the first two or three years, Mr. Bailey became sole proprietor of the business, and now occupies commodious quarters in the Board of Trade Building. In most instances, he has been successful, and he has ever maintained a reputation for honorable dealing and integrity of character, which has earned him the confidence of all his business associates. There is, perhaps, no man upon the Board of Trade to-day in whom the public has better reason to trust or whose business credit is freer from imputation.

In June, 1869, he was married to Miss Jennie Carter, daughter of Charles H. Carter, of Montpelier, Vermont. The lady was born in Wilmington, Massachusetts, and has become the mother of two children: George C., who holds a



responsible position with the great packing house of Swift & Company, and Mary D., wife of Frederick Meyer, of Chicago. Mr. Bailey holds liberal views on religious subjects, and was for many years a member of the congregation of the late Prof. David Swing. He is not in fellowship with any social or religious organization. Though not an active politician, he never fails to exercise

the right—as well as duty—of casting a vote, and supports Republican principles, believing the Republican party to represent the best social and economic ideas. He is a man of resolution and prompt action, and his industrious habits have made him an exemplary business man, whose life and character are worthy of the emulation of the rising generation.

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## HON. JAMES B. BRADWELL.

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**H**ON. JAMES B. BRADWELL. This distinguished gentleman, an excellent portrait of whom is herewith presented, was born April 16, 1828, at Loughborough, England. His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Gutridge) Bradwell. The family left England when James was sixteen months old, and settled in Utica, New York, where they resided until 1833, when they removed to Jacksonville, Illinois. They went from Jacksonville to what is now Wheeling, Cook County, Illinois, in May, 1834. The family made the trip in a covered wagon drawn by a span of horses and a yoke of oxen, and, although the distance was but two hundred and fifty miles, it took twenty-one days to complete the journey. Young Bradwell spent a number of years upon a farm in Cook County, splitting rails, breaking prairie, mowing and cradling in the old-fashioned way, which aided to give him that strength of body and mind which he possesses at the age of sixty-seven. His early education was obtained in a log schoolhouse; later in Wilson's Academy, of Chicago, in which Judge Lorenzo Sawyer, of California, was tutor; and was completed in Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. He supported himself in college by sawing wood and working in a wagon and plow shop afternoons and Saturdays, where he often had to take his pay in orders on stores, which he discounted at twenty-five cents

on the dollar. This resulted in the young man taking an oath that if ever he lived to employ men he would never pay them in orders or truck.

Although he has paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for wages, he has religiously kept his oath. For a number of years before his admission to the Bar he worked as a journeyman at several different trades in Chicago. He is a natural mechanic, and, believing with Solomon that "the rest of the laboring man is sweet," he aimed, even when on the Bench and at the Bar, to devote a portion of every day to some kind of manual labor. It is said that he could earn his living to-day as a journeyman at any one of seventeen trades. As a process artist he has few superiors. He invented a process of his own for doing half-tone work, and has the honor of having made the first half-tone cut ever produced in Chicago—that of Chief Justice Fuller, of the United States Supreme Court. Nearly forty years ago he was admitted to the Illinois Bar, and, being a good speaker, a bold, dashing young man, and considerable of a "hustler," he succeeded in building up a large and paying practice. In 1861 he was elected County Judge of Cook County by a larger majority than any judge had ever received in the county up to that time; and in 1865 he was re-elected for four years. Judge Bradwell was elected to the Legislature of Illi-

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nois in 1873, and re-elected in 1875. He has held many offices in charitable and other institutions; presided at Cleveland during the organization of the American Woman Suffrage Association; was President of the Chicago Press Club; President of the Chicago Rifle Club, and for many years was considered the best rifle shot in Chicago; President of the Chicago Bar Association; President of the Illinois State Bar Association, and for many years its historian; President of the Chicago Soldiers' Home; Chairman of the Arms and Trophy Department of the Northwestern Sanitary Commission and Soldiers' Home Fair in 1865; one of the founders of the Union League Club of Chicago, President of the Board of Directors the first year, and the first man to sign the roll of membership, "Long John" Wentworth being the second; he has been President of the Chicago Photographic Society, and was Chairman of the Photographic Congress Auxiliary of the World's Columbian Exposition.

When on the Bench he ranked as a probate jurist second only to the distinguished surrogate, Alexander Bradford, of New York.

He was the first judge to hold, during the war, that a marriage made during slavery was valid upon emancipation, and that the issue of such a marriage was legitimate upon emancipation and would inherit from their emancipated parents;

or, in other words, that the civil rights of slaves, being suspended during slavery, revived upon emancipation. The opinion was delivered in the case of Matt C. Jones, and was published approvingly in the London *Solicitors' Journal*, and fully endorsed by Mr. Joel Prentiss Bishop ten years after it was rendered, in one of his works. Judge Bradwell was the friend of the widow and the orphan—an able, impartial judge.

He was an influential member of the Legislature, and aided in securing the passage of a number of measures for the benefit of the State and the city of his adoption. He holds advanced views as to the rights of women, and introduced a bill making women eligible to all school offices, and, mainly by his influence and power, secured its passage; also a bill making women eligible to be appointed notaries public.

Judge Bradwell has taken the Thirty-third and last degree in Masonry, and is an honorary member of the Supreme Council with its Grand East at Boston, and also an honorary member of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory at York, England. He has recently published a neat volume of Ancient Masonic Rolls and other matter of interest to the order, showing that there was originally no provision against the admission of women to the fraternity.

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## MYRA BRADWELL.

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**M**YRA BRADWELL. In these latter days of the century, a century which has done more for women than any other in the history of the world, it is interesting to record the life of a citizen of Chicago of national reputation, who wrought earnestly, wisely and successfully for woman's advancement.

To follow in a pathway which has been made for one is easy. To be an original and practical

leader, clearing the way for others to come, is a difficult undertaking. Such a leader was Myra Bradwell, one of the pioneers in the movements to give woman equal rights before the law and equal opportunities to labor in all avocations.

Myra Bradwell was born in Manchester, Vermont, February 12, 1831. In infancy she was taken to Portage, New York, where she remained until her twelfth year, when she came West with



her father's family. In the warp of her nature was woven the woof of that sterling New England character which has made such an impress on our national life. On her father's side she was descended from a family which numbers many noble men, philanthropists, eminent divines and noted statesmen. Her father, Eben Colby, was the son of John Colby, a Baptist minister of New Hampshire. Her father's mother was a lineal descendant of Aquilla Chase, whose family gave to the world the noted divine, Bishop Philander Chase, of the Episcopal Church, and Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice of the United States.

On her mother's side she was a descendant of Isaac Willey, who settled in Boston in 1640. Two members of the family, Allen and John Willey, served in the Revolutionary War, and were in the little army which suffered glorious defeat at Bunker Hill. Her family were aggressive Abolitionists and stanch friends of the Lovejoys. The story of the murdered martyr, Elijah Lovejoy, as recounted by the friend of her youth, Owen Lovejoy, made a deep impression upon her mind. Thus early was implanted a hatred of slavery and injustice in the soul of one who was destined, in after years, to bear a conspicuous part in freeing her sex from some of the conditions of vassalage in which it had stood—a champion who broke one of the strongest barriers to woman's enfranchisement, the Bar, and paved the way for women into the upper halls of justice, into the greatest court of the world. As a student, possessed of a keen, logical mind, with the soul of a poet, she early evinced a deep love for learning, and made the most of the limited educational advantages which were then deemed more than sufficient for girls. After studying at Kenosha and the ladies' seminary in Elgin, Myra engaged in teaching.

May 18, 1852, Myra Colby was united in marriage with James B. Bradwell. Soon after her marriage she removed with her husband to Memphis, Tennessee. While there she proved herself a veritable helpmate, conducting with her husband the largest select school in the city. In two years they returned to Chicago, where her husband engaged in the practice of the law, and

where they have since resided. With the ardor of a true patriot, she could not remain inactive when danger threatened the Government which her Revolutionary ancestors fought to establish. During the war she helped care for the suffering, the wounded and the dying. The Soldiers' Fair of 1863, and the Fair of 1867 for the benefit of the families of soldiers, had no more active or efficient worker than Mrs. Bradwell. She was a member and Secretary of the Committee on Arms, Trophies and Curiosities of the great Northwestern Sanitary Fair, and was the leading spirit in producing that artistic and beautiful exhibition in Bryan Hall in 1865. When the war was over, she assisted in providing a home for the scarred and maimed and dependent veterans who shouldered the musket to preserve the Union.

Becoming deeply interested in her husband's profession, she commenced the study of law under his tutelage, at first with no thought of becoming a practicing lawyer, but subsequently she decided to make the profession her life work, and applied herself diligently to its study. In 1868 she established the "Chicago Legal News," the first weekly law periodical published in the West, and the first paper of its kind edited by a woman in the world, and which stands to-day the best monument to her memory. Believing fully in the power of the law, she adopted as the motto of the "Legal News" the words *Lex Vincit*, which have always been at the head of its columns. Practical newspaper men and prominent lawyers at once predicted its failure, but they underestimated the ability and power of its editor. She obtained from the Legislature special acts making all the laws of Illinois and the opinions of the Supreme Court of the State printed in her paper evidence in the courts. She made the paper a success from the start, and it was soon recognized by the Bench and Bar throughout the country as one of the best legal periodicals in the United States. With her sagacity, enterprise and masterful business ability she built up one of the most flourishing printing and publishing houses in the West. Two instances may be cited to show her business energy and enterprise. From the year 1869, when she first began to publish

the Illinois session laws, she always succeeded in getting her edition out many weeks in advance of any other edition. At the Chicago fire, in common with thousands of others, she lost home and business possessions, but, undismayed by misfortune, she hastened to Milwaukee, had the paper printed and published on the regular publication day, and thus not an issue of her paper was lost during this trying time in our city's history.

She finally decided to apply for admission to the Bar and to practice law. She had been permitted to work side by side with her husband as a most successful teacher, why not as a lawyer?

In 1869 she passed a most creditable examination for the Bar, but was denied admission by the Supreme Court of Illinois, upon the ground that she was a married woman, her married state being considered a disability. She knew that the real reason had not been given. She filed an additional brief which combated the position of the court with great force, and compelled the court to give the true reason. In due time the court, by Mr. Chief Justice Lawrence, delivered an elaborate opinion, in which it was said, upon mature deliberation, the court had concluded to refuse to admit Mrs. Bradwell upon the sole ground that she was a woman. She sued out a writ of error against the State of Illinois in the Supreme Court of the United States. Her case in that tribunal was argued in 1871 by Senator Matt Carpenter. In May, 1873, the judgment of the lower court was affirmed by the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Chief Justice Chase, who never failed to give his powerful testimony to aid in lifting woman from dependence and helplessness to strength and freedom, true to his principles, dissented. As has been well said, "the discussion of the Myra Bradwell case had the inevitable effect of letting sunlight through many cobwebbed windows. It is not so much by abstract reasoning as by visible examples that reformations come, and Mrs. Bradwell offered herself as a living example of the injustice of the law. A woman of learning, genius, industry and high character, editor of the first law journal in the West, forbidden by law to practice law, was too much for the

public conscience, tough as that conscience is." Although Mrs. Bradwell, with Miss Hulett, was instrumental in securing the passage of a law in Illinois granting to all persons, irrespective of sex, freedom in the selection of an occupation, profession or employment, she never renewed her application for admission to the Bar. Twenty years after, the judges of the Supreme Court of Illinois, on their own motion, performed a noble act of justice and directed license to practice law to be issued to her, and March 28, 1892, upon motion of Attorney-General Miller, Mrs. Bradwell was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

A pioneer in opening the legal profession for women, Myra Bradwell's signal service to her sex has been in the field of law reform. Finding women and children without adequate protection in the law, she devoted herself with the zeal of an enthusiast to secure such protection. One of the most wonderful phases of her character was the power which she exerted in securing these changes in the law.

It is interesting in this connection to note that she was the only married woman who was ever given her own earnings by special act of the Legislature. She drafted the bill giving a married woman a right to her own earnings. A case in point, so monstrous in its injustice, gave an added impetus to her zeal. A drunkard, who owed a saloon-keeper for his whisky, had a wife who earned her own living as a scrubwoman, and the saloon-keeper garnisheed the people who owed her and levied on her earnings to pay her husband's liquor bill. It needed but an application like this for her to succeed in her efforts to pass the bill. She also secured the passage of the law giving to a widow her award in all cases. Believing thoroughly in the principle enunciated by John Stuart Mill, "of perfect equality, admitting no privilege on the one side nor disability on the other," she was an enthusiastic supporter of the bill granting to a husband the same interest in a wife's estate that the wife had in the husband's. While holding most advanced views upon the woman question, she recognized that the prejudice of years cannot be overcome in



a day, and that the work must be done by degrees.

She therefore never missed an opportunity to try to secure any change in the law which would enlarge the sphere of woman. With this purpose in view, she applied to the Governor to be appointed Notary Public. Finding her womanhood a bar to even this humble office, she induced her husband, who was in the Legislature, to introduce a bill making women eligible to the office of Notary Public, which bill became a law. The bill drafted by her husband permitting women to act as school officers, and which was passed while he was in the Legislature, received her hearty support. In all the reforms which Mrs. Bradwell secured, she was not acting as the representative of any organization, but they were secured through her personal influence. Twice Mrs. Bradwell was honored by special appointment of the Governor, being appointed a delegate to the Prison Reform Congress at St. Louis; and it was mainly by her efforts that women, after a severe contest, were allowed a representation on the list of officers, she declining to accept any office herself; subsequently she was appointed by the Governor as one of the Illinois Centennial Association to represent Illinois in the Centennial Exhibition of 1876.

Mrs. Bradwell circulated the call for the first Woman Suffrage Convention held in Chicago, in 1869, and was one of its Vice-Presidents. She was one of the active workers in the suffrage convention held in Springfield in 1869, and for a number of years one of the executive committee of the Illinois Woman Suffrage Association. She also took an active part in the convention at Cleveland which formed the American Woman's Suffrage Association. Once only was she permitted to exercise the right of suffrage. Under the recent school law in Illinois she cast her ballot for the first and last time, her death occurring on the fourteenth day of February, 1894.

A thorough Chicagoan, in the life, progress and best interests of her city she had a citizen's interest and a patriot's pride. She was untiring in her efforts to secure the World's Fair for Chicago, accompanied the commission to Washing-

ton, and rendered valuable services there in obtaining the location of the Exposition in Chicago. She was appointed one of the Board of Lady Managers, and was Chairman of the Committee on Law Reform of its auxiliary congress. It is interesting to note that the woman who labored so courageously, persistently and effectively to secure for women their rights was herself a representative in the first national legislature of women to be authorized by any Government.

Mrs. Bradwell was the first woman who became a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Illinois Press Association; was a charter member of the Soldiers' Home Board, the Illinois Industrial School for Girls, the Washingtonian Home, and the first Masonic chapter organized for women in Illinois, over which she presided; was a member of the Chicago Women's Club, the daughters of the American Revolution, the Grand Army Relief Corps, the National Press League and the Woman's Press Association.

A gentle and noiseless woman, her tenderness and refinement making the firmness of her character all the more effective, Mrs. Bradwell was one of those who live their creed instead of preaching it. Essentially a woman of deeds, not words, she did not spend her days proclaiming on the rostrum the rights of women, but quietly, none the less effectively, set to work to clear away the barriers.

A noble refutation of the oft-times expressed belief that the entrance of women in public life tends to lessen their distinctively womanly character, she was a most devoted wife and mother, her home being ideal in its love and harmony. She was the mother of four children, two of whom survive her, Thomas and Bessie, both lawyers, and the latter the wife of a lawyer, Frank A. Helmer, of the Chicago Bar.

Of this gifted and honored lady it has been truthfully said: "No more powerful and convincing argument in favor of the admission of women to a participation in the administration of the Government was ever made than may be found in Myra Bradwell's character, conduct and achievements."



## JOHN FRINK.

JOHN FRINK, who was probably as well known as any man in the United States, outside of National public life, was a leader in the operation of transportation lines before the days of railroads, as well as in railroad building and operation. He was born at Ashford, Connecticut, October 17, 1797, and died in Chicago May 21, 1858. He represented the seventh generation of his family in America, being descended from John Frink, who settled at New London, Connecticut, previous to 1650. The last-named took part in King Philip's War, as a Colonial soldier, and for his services in that conflict was awarded by the General Court of Connecticut a grant of two hundred acres of land and permission to retain his arms.

John Frink, the father of the subject of this notice, removed about 1810 from Ashford, Connecticut, to Stockbridge, Massachusetts, becoming the proprietor of the Stockbridge Inn, a noted hostelry, which is still kept there. He afterward kept taverns at Northampton and Palmer, Massachusetts. His death occurred at the latter place in 1847, at the age of sixty years.

While a young man, John Frink, whose name heads this article, started out in the operation of a stage line. One of his first ventures was the establishment of a stage line between Boston and Albany, by way of Stockbridge. His partner in this enterprise was Chester W. Chapin, of Springfield, Massachusetts, afterward conspicuous in railroad operations. A branch to New York City was soon added, and the undertaking was entirely successful, becoming a prosperous medium of travel. Mr. Frink was subsequently instrumental in the establishment of a stage line between Montreal and New York, an undertaking of considerable magnitude in those days.

About 1830 he made a trip, by way of Pittsburgh, to New Orleans, and was so favorably impressed with the development and progress of the

West that he determined to transfer the field of his operations to a new territory. Accordingly, in 1836, he came to Chicago, and soon after his arrival purchased the stage line in operation between Chicago and Ottawa, Illinois. He soon afterward established a connecting line of steamboats on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, between the latter point and St. Louis, and the route thus completed immediately became a popular thoroughfare. Another stage line was shortly afterwards put into operation between Galena and Chicago, by way of Freeport. Galena was then the metropolis of the Northwest, and this line of stages became the most important overland route of travel in that region. Another extensive undertaking was the establishment of stages between Chicago and Madison, Wisconsin. The business was conducted at the outset by the firm of John Frink & Company, later known as Frink & Walker. This became one of the most powerful business concerns in the Northwest, and its operations eventually extended to Des Moines, Iowa, and Fort Snelling, Minnesota. All competition was driven out of the way, even though business was sometimes conducted for a season at a loss, in order to maintain their supremacy. An immense number of men and horses was employed. The stage sheds were located at the northwest corner of Wabash Avenue and Randolph Street, with extensive repair shops adjacent; and the principal stage office was on the southwest corner of Dearborn and Lake Streets, opposite the Tremont House, then the principal hotel of Chicago.

One of the most important features of the business was the carriage of the United States mails, and the securing and care of the contracts for the same kept Mr. Frink in Washington a large portion of the time, and brought him in contact and intimate acquaintance with the leading politicians and public men of the nation. These contracts,

which involved large sums of money, were faithfully carried out, a fact which enabled him to hold them in spite of aggressive competition. He was a man of rare executive ability, excelling the various partners with whom he was associated in that respect to such a degree that he was kept constantly on the move to regulate the administration of business. He was a man of fine physical make-up and of most unusual colloquial and conversational abilities, which made him popular in any circle where he chanced to be. He was extremely fastidious in dress and the care of his personal appearance, and required the most scrupulous care and thrift in all his employes. No man who failed to keep matters under his charge in first-class order could remain a day in his employ.

When the steam locomotive became a practical success, Mr. Frink at once saw that it would supersede the horse as a means of propelling passenger vehicles. He accordingly began to close out his interests in the stage business, transferring his capital and energy to railroad building and operation. He was one of the prime movers in the construction of the Chicago & Galena Union Railroad, and also the Peoria & Oquawka, now a part of the great Burlington System, and in the Peoria & Bureau Valley Railroad, at present a branch of the Rock Island System. He did not live to witness the ultimate completion of these lines, but their success vindicated his foresight and judgment.

Mr. Frink was first married to Martha R.

Marcy, who died in Chicago in 1839, leaving three children: John, Harvey and Helen. The last-named became the wife of Warren T. Hecox, one of the original members of the Chicago Board of Trade, and all are now deceased. For his second wife he chose Miss Harriet Farnsworth, who was born in Woodstock, Vermont, July 2, 1810, and died at Wheaton, Illinois, March 7, 1884. Her father, Stephen Farnsworth, was a descendant of Matthias Farnsworth, an early settler of Groton, Massachusetts. The descendants of the last-named, in direct line, were Samuel, who was born at Groton, October 8, 1669; Stephen, born in 1714, died at Charleston, New Hampshire, and who took part in the French and Indian War, in which two of his brothers were killed. Stephen, Jr., father of Mrs. Frink, was born in Charleston, New Hampshire, June 20, 1764. He moved to South Woodstock, Vermont, where he became a prominent farmer and miller. He served as a member of the Vermont Legislature, and was a Justice of the Peace for a great many years.

Mrs. Harriet Frink was one of the earliest members of St. James' Episcopal Church of Chicago, and when Trinity Church was formed on the South Side she joined that society. She afterwards became a member of Christ Church, and continued to be a communicant thereof until her death, both she and her husband being buried from that church. Their children are George, Henry F., and Eva, Mrs John W. Bennett, all of whom reside at Austin, Illinois.

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## OTHNIEL B. PHELPS.

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**O**THNIEL BREWSTER PHELPS. The subject of this sketch was born at Conesville, Schoharie County, New York, February 18, 1821, and was the elder of two children

springing from the marriage of George W. Phelps with Zerviah Potter. His mother dying when Othniel was only two years of age, his father married Mary Chapman in the year 1824,



wherefrom it will be seen that his step-mother was the only maternal parent of whom he ever had a memory. From this second union eight children came into being, the eldest of whom was William Wallace Phelps, a sketch of whom will be found upon other pages in this work; in connection with which will also be found a succinct account of the Phelps genealogy, which, for obvious reasons, is not reprinted at this place.

His early life was spent upon a farm (it seems as if the farms of that generation did the raising of all the brains, as well as vegetables, etcetera, of the country), and his erudition, save the self-learned, was limited to the common school. At a very youthful age, he went to Catskill, New York, as clerk in the mercantile house of Joshua Fiero, and, being one of unusual energy and self-reliance, after a few years he started a mercantile business for himself at Windham, Greene County, New York, to which place he removed, and in which occupation he was engaged for the next succeeding six years.

Selling out at the end of that period at an advantage, he removed to Williamstown, New York, where he engaged in the tanning business, becoming the possessor of one of the finest properties in that part of the country at that time (especially notable in one of so few years). He was estimated to be worth an estate of \$80,000, which, however, was entirely swept away by the panic of 1857.

Almost directly with the disappearance of his household gods, he set his face towards the then far West to retrieve, as fortune should favor him, his lost accumulations. Chicago was the fortunate end of his journey, which was not then, as might be now, wooed into a longer continuance than necessary by luxurious conveniences for traveling. He bought a house on West Madison Street; but within a few years found the spot henceforth to be most dear to him on earth, purchasing again, at Number 2427 Indiana Avenue. The large brick mansion, standing to-day nearly as he found it, was one of the finest places in the city at that time, and a veritable landmark in this generation; for in the early sixties and for long after this was well out on the edge of the

town, viewing to the westward, as far as Michigan Avenue, a thrifty cornfield in summer time.

His business relations from the start were with our prince of citizens, Potter Palmer, for whom he acted as confidential adviser and credit man, with power of attorney (a position of great responsibilities) up to the time of the Big Fire in 1871. From this time, although in the very meridian of life, hale and hearty, having re-made a conspicuous estate, he lived the retired life of a gentleman of leisure.

Politically he was a Republican, and for several years he acted as a prominent City Alderman, closing his record thus in 1882, because of the results of an outspoken nature, which would never quietly allow public wrongs to be attempted.

He was a keen lover of finely bred dogs and horses, of which he owned many in his time, finding in this about his only real extravagance. Most pleasant days found him on the boulevards behind as fine a pair of gentleman's drivers as our city could boast; and when a better pair passed him on the road, he quietly remarked to himself, "That is the team I want." From this trait, it has been said, those who knew this proud weakness often realized exceptional prices for horses from one who, they knew, would have them, if he had set his mind that way, regardless of cost. In this connection it should not be forgotten that he was a charter member of the famous Washington Park Club, now for long years one of the most distinguished places for race meetings in the country.

Not what would be called a pious man, he was none the less a fair-minded, public-spirited citizen, who was a great credit to our city (more so, perhaps, than some who are prominent in matters ecclesiastical), and a regular attendant at Dr. Scudder's Congregational Church. Between Dr. Scudder and Mr. Phelps there was a deep and wholesome regard, and this pastor officiated with much feeling at the final obsequies, after which the remains were borne to Graceland Cemetery, where they lie at the foot of a sightly monument.

Physically, he was a portly man; facially, he had a physiognomy in which all could read a grim determination that whatsoever was undertaken



would, the Heavens permitting, be put through; yet, he was kind and generous; though blunt, warm-hearted indeed. His health was uniformly good, save for the vital lurkings of the insidious heart disease, which suddenly took him hence on the seventh day of February, 1891.

Mr. Phelps was twice married. First, to Miss Emerette Steele of Windham, New York, about the year 1846. She died, without issue, in the year 1880, and was buried at Graceland. Second, to Mrs. Sarah Van Buren, the widow of Aaron R. Van Buren, of Catskill, New York, in December, 1882. Her first husband was of the family of the so-called "Kinderhook" (New York) Van-Burens, which has produced a number of illustrious men, chief among them being our eighth National Chief Magistrate, Martin Van Buren.

Mrs. Sarah (Van Buren) Phelps survives her husband, in good health, and without children. Mrs. Phelps' parents were Franklin and Hannah (Groom) Graham, of Catskill, New York, her father being a son of Samuel and Martha (French) Graham, of Windham, New York. Her grandmother French was of French parentage, and from Montreal, Canada. It is needless to remark that the Grahams are of Scotch antecedents. From Beers' "History of Greene County, New York" (p. 402), we learn that the said Samuel Graham went from Conway, Massachusetts, about the year 1800 to Windham, New York, where, in the village, he bought of one Constant A. Andrews a property (at present known as the Matthews Place, and owned by N. D. Hill), whereon the first tannery of the place, a large one for the times, was constructed prior to 1805 by said Samuel Graham. The latter passed into a son's hands, and continued to be operated up to 1832. Samuel died there in 1830, aged seventy years.

The Massachusetts Grahams are undoubtedly descended from old Connecticut stock, which has been very prolific in numbers and emigrating members to other of the United States, not a few of whom have made prominent names for themselves. From Cothren's "History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut" (pp. 545 *et seq.*), we

glean the following of both the trans-Atlantic and native tree:

The family arms are: Or, on a chief sable three escalops of the field; crest, an eagle, wings hovering or, perched upon a heron lying upon its back, proper beaked and membered gules; motto, *Ne Oubliez*.

The family is of great antiquity, tracing its descent from Sir David Graeme, who held a grant from King William the Lion of Scotland from 1163 to 1214. His descendant, Patrick Graham, was made a Lord in Parliament about 1445, and his grandson, William, Lord Graham, was, in 1504, by James IV., created Earl of Montrose. His son William was second earl, succeeded in turn by John, John (Junior) and James, fifth earl, a very distinguished character in history. He was born in 1612, and joined the Covenanters against Charles I., but later became loyal to his sovereign, who created him Marquis of Montrose. He had a varied career, which ended by his execution in 1645 by the axe on the scaffold, as did that of so many contemporaries. He was succeeded by James, James, and James, fourth Marquis, who was made Lord High Admiral of Scotland in 1705, and in 1707 Duke of Montrose. Then came David, Earl and Baron Graham, succeeded by William (his brother), James, James, the fourth Duke of Montrose, etc., who was a Commissioner of India Affairs, Knight of the Thistle, Lord Justice-General of Scotland, Chancellor of Scotland, etc.

The Rev. John Graham, A. M., a second son of a Marquis of Montrose, was born in Edinburgh in 1691; he graduated at the University of Glasgow, and studied theology at his native Edinburgh; came to Boston in 1718, where he married Abigail, a daughter of the very celebrated Dr. Chauncey, of Harvard College. Later Rev. Mr. Graham removed to Exeter, New Hampshire, but in 1722 to Stafford, Connecticut, and in 1732 to Woodbury, Connecticut, where he lived until his death, in December, 1774. He was an eminent man and left a family of five sons and four daughters, from whom are descended a numerous progeny.

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## SILAS B. COBB.

SILAS BOWMAN COBB. In the entire history of the world it has been vouchsafed to but few men to witness the growth of a municipality from a few dozen in population to a million and a quarter souls. No story of Chicago's development can be written without cognizance of Silas B. Cobb as one of its initial forces. It was such sturdy, self-reliant and hopeful young men as he that began the development of her greatness, and carried forward her growth in middle and later life. Ever since the little band of Pilgrims established a home on the rocky and frost-locked shores of Massachusetts, New England has been peopled by a race of enterprising and adventurous men, whose habits of industry and high moral character have shaped the destinies of the Nation. It is not strange, then, that the hamlet planted by their descendants on the swampy shore of Lake Michigan in the 30s' should become the commercial, industrial and philanthropical metropolis of America.

Silas W. Cobb, father of the subject of this sketch, gained a livelihood by various occupations, being in turn a farmer, a tanner and a tavern-keeper, and the son was early engaged in giving such assistance to his father as he was able. When other boys were applying themselves to their books, he was obliged to employ his strength in support of the family. His mother, whose maiden name was Hawkes, died when he was an infant, and he knew little of maternal love or care, growing up in the habit of self-reliance which carried him through many difficult enterprises and made him a successful man. He was born in Montpelier, Vermont, January 23, 1812, and

is now entering upon the eighty-fourth year of his age. He is keenly active in mind and sound in body, taking a participating interest in all the affairs of life.

At the age of seventeen, young Cobb was regularly "bound out," according to the custom of those days, for a term of years, as apprentice to a harness-maker, having previously made a beginning as a shoemaker, which did not suit his taste. Within a twelvemonth after he was "articled" to the harness-maker, his employer sold out, and the new proprietor endeavored to keep the lad as an appurtenance to his purchase. Against this the manly independence of the youth rebelled, and the new proprietor was obliged to give him more advantageous terms than he had before enjoyed. Having become a journeyman, he found employment in his native State, but he was not satisfied with the conditions surrounding him. After nine months of continuous toil and frugal living, he was enabled to save only \$60, and he resolved to try his fortune in the new country to the then far West.

Joining a company then being formed at Montpelier to take up land previously located by Oliver Goss, the young man—having but just attained his majority—in spite of his father's remonstrance, set out. From Albany, the trip to Buffalo was made by canal packet, and in the journey from home to this point all his little savings, except \$7, were exhausted. The schooner "Atlanta" was about to leave Buffalo for Chicago, and Mr. Cobb at once explained to the captain his predicament. The fare to Chicago was just \$7, but this did not include board, and Mr. Cobb

was delighted, as well as surprised, when the captain told him to secure provisions for the journey and he would carry him to Chicago for the balance. After a boisterous voyage of five weeks, anchor was dropped opposite the little settlement called Chicago. Its hundred white and half-breed inhabitants were sheltered by log huts, while the seventy soldiers forming the garrison occupied Fort Dearborn. And now a new hardship assailed the young pioneer. Disregarding the bargain made in Buffalo, the tricky commander of the schooner refused to let him leave its deck until his passage money had been paid in full. For three days he was detained in sight of the promised land, until he was delivered by a generous stranger, who came on board to secure passage to Buffalo. His first earnings on shore were applied by Mr. Cobb in repaying the sum advanced by his kind deliverer. Before the boat sailed he found employment on a building which James Kinzie was erecting for a hotel. He knew nothing of the builder's trade, but had pluck and shrewdness, and took hold with such will that he was placed in charge of the work, at a salary of \$2.75 per day—a very liberal remuneration in his estimation. The building was constructed of logs and unplanned boards, and did not require a very high order of architectural skill, but within a few days a man, seeking the position, called attention to the lack of experience on the part of the youthful superintendent, and clinched the matter by offering to do the work for fifty cents less per day.

Mr. Cobb now invested his earnings in a stock of trinkets and began to trade with the Indians, by which he secured a little capital, and resolved to erect a building of his own and go into business. The nearest sawmill was at Plainfield, forty miles southwest of Chicago, across unbroken prairies. Getting his directions from an Indian, Mr. Cobb set out on foot to purchase the lumber for his building. There being no trail, he was guided solely by the groves which grew at long intervals, and found only one human habitation on the way. From one of the settlers at Plainfield he secured the use of three yoke of oxen and a wagon, with which to bring home his purchase

of lumber. He was but fairly started when a three-days rain set in, and the surface of the prairies became so soft that the wagon sank deep in the mud, making progress almost impossible and compelling an occasional lightening of the load by throwing off a part. After sleeping three nights on the wagon with such shelter as could be made with boards from the load, with the rain beating down pitilessly and the wolves' howling the only accompaniment, he arrived at the Des Plaines River, still twelve miles from his destination. The stream was so swollen by the rains that it was impossible to cross with the wagon, and the balance of the load was thrown off and the oxen turned loose to find their way back to their owner, which they did without accident. After the rains were over and the ground became settled, the trip was repeated, the lumber recovered and brought safely to Chicago. These are some of the experiences of the pioneer, and can never be forgotten by those who pass through them.

When Mr. Cobb had completed his building, which was two stories in height, he rented the upper story, and began business on the ground floor. The capital consisted of \$30, furnished by Mr. Goss, who was a partner in the venture, and was invested in stock for a harness shop. The industry and business ability of the working partner caused the enterprise to prosper and grow, and at the end of a year he withdrew and set up business on his individual account in larger quarters. His business continued to grow, and in 1848 he sold out at a good advance. He then engaged in the general boot and shoe, hide and leather trade, in partnership with William Osborne, and found success beyond his fondest anticipations, and in 1852 he retired from mercantile operations. About the same time, he was appointed executor of the estate of Joel Matteson and guardian of the latter's five children. When this trust closed in 1866, the estate was found to have been vastly benefited by his shrewd management of the trust.

With characteristic foresight, Mr. Cobb early began to invest in Chicago realty, and the wisdom of his calculations has been abundantly demon-



strated. He has also been identified with semi-public enterprises, or those which largely concerned and benefited the city, while yielding a return to the investors. In 1855 he was elected a Director of the Chicago Gas Light and Coke Company, and subsequently one of the Board of Managers. This position he held until he sold his interest and retired from the company in 1887. It was his executive ability which was largely responsible for the establishment of cable roads in the city, those on State Street and Wabash Avenue being constructed under his advice and direction, while President of the Chicago City Railway. He is still active in the councils of that company, as well as of the West Division horse railway. For many years he was among the controlling members of the Chicago & Galena Union and Beloit & Madison Railroads, now a part of the Northwestern System (see biography of John B. Turner). Mr. Cobb is a Director of the National Bank of Illinois, and several blocks of fine buildings in the business district contribute to his income, as the result of his faith in the city and sagacity in selection.

While being prospered, he has not forgotten to add to his own felicity by contributing to the happiness of others. He has been one of the kindest husbands and fathers, and not only his family but the city of his home have often shared in his benefactions. When the effort to raise \$1,000,000 for the buildings of the new University of Chicago was straining every resource of the Trustees, Mr. Cobb came forward unsolicited and donated \$150,000, assuring the success of the movement. The "History of Chicago," by John Moses, says: "It is believed that up to the time when this subscription was made, few, if any, greater ones had ever been made to education by a Chicago citizen at one time. A noble building, the Cobb Lecture Hall, now stands on the University campus, a monument of the builder's liberality and public spirit. As long as the great university endures, this memorial of Silas B. Cobb's life will stand, the corporation having pledged to rebuild the hall if it should be destroyed." The Presbyterian Hospital and Humane Society of Chicago are also among the beneficiaries of his generosity, and Mr.

Cobb will be remembered as one of the city's largest benefactors, as well as a successful business man.

In 1840 Mr. Cobb married Miss Maria, daughter of Daniel Warren, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work. He thus describes his first meeting with his future bride: "I arrived in Chicago in the spring of 1833. In October of the same year I was occupying my new shop opposite the Kinzie Hotel—in the building of which my first dollar was earned in Chicago. Standing at my shop one afternoon, talking with a neighbor, my attention was attracted by the arrival at the hotel of a settler's wagon from the East. With my apron on and sleeves rolled up, I went with my neighbor to greet the weary travelers and to welcome them to the hospitalities of Fort Dearborn, in accordance with the free and easy customs of 'high society' in those days. \* \* \* \* There were several young women in the party, two of them twin sisters, whom I thought particularly attractive, so much so that I remarked to my friend, after they had departed, that when I was prosperous enough so that my pantaloons and brogans could be made to meet, I was going to look up those twin sisters and marry one of them or die in trying." The same pertinacity and acumen which characterized his every undertaking carried him through seven years of toil and privation until he had won the prize, which indeed she proved to be. Their wedding took place on the 27th of October. Her twin sister married Jerome Beecher (for sketch of whom see another page).

Mrs. Cobb passed away on the 10th of May, 1888. Of her six children, only two survive. Two daughters died in infancy, and Walter, the first-born and only son, and Lenore, wife of Joseph G. Coleman, are also deceased. The others are: Maria Louisa, wife of William B. Walker, and Bertha, widow of the late William Armour.

Being a man of firm principle, Mr. Cobb has always adhered to a few simple rules of conduct, in the adoption of which any youth may hope to win moderate success, at least. He early discovered the disadvantage of being in debt, and made it a rule as soon as he got out to stay out. The



other words forming his motto are: Industry, economy, temperate habits and unswerving integrity. A few more words from the pen of Mr. Cobb will fittingly close this brief article. On the guests' register in the Vermont State Building at the World's Columbian Exposition, appeared this entry over his signature: "A native

of Vermont, I left Montpelier in April, 1833, and arrived at Fort Dearborn, now the city of Chicago, May 29th of the same year. I have lived in Chicago from that time to the present day. Every building in Chicago has been erected during my residence here."

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## WILLIAM E. ROLLO.

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**W**ILLIAM EGBERT ROLLO is a well-known citizen of Chicago and a veteran underwriter, having been engaged in that line of business since 1850. He was born in the Parish of Gilead, Hebron Township, Tolland County, Connecticut, January 3, 1851. His parents, Ralph R. Rollo and Sibyl Post, were natives of South Windsor, Connecticut. The former was a farmer by occupation, and a son of William Rollo, who, in addition to his agricultural interests, carried on the business of a tanner and currier. Their progenitors were among the earliest colonists of Connecticut, and traced their lineage, through a long line of English ancestry, from the famous William Rollo, better known in history as William the Conqueror.

Ralph R. Rollo died in 1869, at the extreme old age of eighty-eight years. Mrs. Sibyl Rollo passed away in 1833, in her fifty-first year. They were strict adherents of the Congregational faith, and observed most rigidly the rules of its creed. The names of their children were: Lucy A., who died in South Windsor, Connecticut, in 1858; Evelyn S., who died in Chicago in 1882, while the wife of Elizur W. Drake; Ralph R., who became a resident of Chicago in 1870, and died in 1872; Henry, who died in childhood; Lucinda F., Mrs. Solyman W. Grant, who departed this life at Conneaut, Ohio, in 1845; Samuel A.,

whose death occurred in New Jersey in 1864; and William E., whose name heads this notice.

The last-named became a student at East Windsor Academy, and completed his education at a similar institution at East Hartford, graduating therefrom at the age of eighteen years. It had been his intention to take up the study of law, but his father sternly forbade that plan, declaring that no man could simultaneously be a lawyer and a Christian. Accordingly he abandoned his cherished hopes, and in 1850 he went to Columbus, Ohio, as a representative of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company. While in that city he was also the agent of the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Springfield, Massachusetts, the State Mutual Fire of Pennsylvania, and the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Companies. His faithful and efficient management of the business in his hands soon caused other corporations to seek his services, and in 1858 he became the General Agent of the Girard Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and during the next two years established agencies in Chicago and all the principal cities of the West.

Since 1860 he has been permanently located in Chicago. In 1863 he organized the Merchants' Insurance Company of Chicago, which included among its stockholders many of the most substantial citizens and business men of the city. This

corporation had become well established, and was doing a most flattering, lucrative business, when it was overtaken by the great holocaust of 1871, going down—in company with many other ordinarily invincible companies—before the undreamed-of assault upon its assets. The year following that disaster, through Mr. Rollo's efforts, the 'Traders' Insurance Company was re-established and made a successful and solid institution. After two years, owing to failing health and other great demands upon his time, he turned over the enterprise to other parties. Since that time he has been carrying on the insurance agency of William E. Rollo & Son. This firm manages the

Western Department of the Girard Insurance Company, and represents a number of other leading underwriting concerns.

Mr. Rollo was married, in October, 1845, to Miss Jane T. Fuller, daughter of Gen. Asa Fuller, of Ellington, Connecticut. Mrs. Rollo is a native of the same state, born at Somers. They are the parents of two daughters and a son, Jennie Sibyl, Evelyn Lavinia and William Fuller, the last-named being a member of the firm of William E. Rollo & Son. Mr. Rollo has adhered strictly to the business of underwriting, meeting with success where men of less energy and perseverance would have despaired.

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## HON. JOHN G. ROGERS.

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**H**ON. JOHN GORIN ROGERS, who was for many years one of the ablest and most popular jurists in Chicago, has been thus described by previous writers:

"Nature designed him for a Judge. His mind was of the judicial order, and he would in almost any community have been sought for to occupy a place on the Bench. The high esteem in which he was held as a jurist among the entire profession was the result of a rare combination of fine legal ability and culture and incorruptible integrity, with the dignified presence, absolute courage, and graceful urbanity which characterized all his official acts. Like the poet, the Judge is born, not made. To wear the ermine worthily, it is not enough for one to possess legal acumen, be learned in the principles of jurisprudence, familiar with precedents and thoroughly honest. Most men are unable wholly to divest themselves of prejudice, even when acting uprightly, and are unconsciously warped in their judgment by their own mental characteristics or the peculiarities of their education. This unconscious influence is a dis-

turbing force, a variable factor, which more or less enters into the final judgment of all men. In this ideal jurist this factor was not discernible, and practically did not exist."

Judge Rogers traced his ancestry from some of the most honorable families of Virginia, being descended from Giles Rogers, who emigrated from Worcestershire, England, to Virginia in the seventeenth century. He settled at the present village of Dunkirk, on the Mattaponi River, in King and Queen County. The maiden name of his wife, whom he is supposed to have married in Virginia, was Eason, or Eastham. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters. One of the sons, John Rogers, married Mary Byrd, daughter of Captain William Byrd, who came from England to Virginia late in the seventeenth century. Captain Byrd was a native of Cheshire, and received from the Crown a grant of land embracing most of the site of the present city of Richmond and of Manchester, on the opposite side of the James River. John Rogers was a farmer and surveyor, and lived in King and



Queen County. He also took up land on the border between Carolina and Spottsylvania Counties. His initials, with the date 1712, are carved upon a rock there. Among the descendants of John and Mary (Byrd) Rogers may be mentioned General George Rogers Clark, the noted Kentucky frontiersman, and his brother, William Clark, the explorer of the American Northwest, beside a number of prominent military men, including Colonel George Grogham, of Fort Meigs and Sandusky memory, as well as several eminent statesmen and jurists. Among the latter was Hon. John Semple, who became a United States Senator from Illinois.

In the first year of the present century, Byrd Rogers, a son of John and Mary Rogers, moved to Fayette County, Kentucky, where he soon afterward died. He had four sons and two daughters. One of the sons, George Rogers, became an eminent physician, and died at Glasgow, Kentucky, in March, 1860. He married Sarah Hensley Gorin, a daughter of General John Gorin, who served in the Continental army, and rose to the rank of Major during the War of 1812. Mrs. Sarah H. Rogers was born December 11, 1800, and died in 1870. Dr. and Mrs. Rogers had four sons and five daughters, and two of the former became Judges. These were John Gorin Rogers, the subject of this notice, and George Clark Rogers, who became a Circuit Judge at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and died there about 1870.

John Gorin Rogers was born at Glasgow, Kentucky, December 28, 1818, and died in Chicago, January 10, 1887. His primary education was obtained at the village school, and at the age of sixteen years he entered Center College at Danville, Kentucky, an institution famous for its lectures on law, in which he acquired the foundation of his professional knowledge. Thence he went to Transylvania University at Lexington, from which he graduated in 1841, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He began his practice in his native town, being a part of the time associated with his uncle, Hon. Franklin Gorin, one of the oldest lawyers of the State.

In 1857 he became a resident of Chicago, where his talents and ability soon won him a prominent

position at the Bar. In 1870 he was chosen one of the five Judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County, a position to which he was repeatedly re-elected and continued to hold during the balance of his life. He commanded the universal respect of the people and the members of the Bar, and, though he was always nominated as a Democrat, he received the support of many leading Republicans.

Judge Rogers always took an active interest in public affairs, and previous to his elevation to the Bench he was interested in many prominent political movements, though he was never a violent partisan. In early life he was an old-line Henry Clay Whig, and in 1848, and again in 1852, he was placed on the electoral ticket of that party in Kentucky. In 1860 he became identified with the Democratic party, and was placed on the Bell and Everett electoral ticket of Illinois. In 1856 he was a member of the convention which nominated Millard Fillmore for President of the United States. Had he chosen to pursue a political career, he could, no doubt, have held some of the highest offices in the Nation; but after his election to the Bench he refrained from taking any active part in politics, contending that a Judge should be in all things strictly non-partisan, and should not lower the dignity of his office, or subject himself to a charge of prejudice or favoritism, or place himself in any position where any one might think that he had a claim on him for special favors.

Though not a total abstainer, Judge Rogers was always an advocate of the temperance cause, and at one time was Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance of the State of Kentucky. In 1849 he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and from that time until his death was the recipient of numerous honors from the order. In 1863 he was elected Grand Master of Illinois, and in 1869 was Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the United States. After the great Chicago fire, he was selected as one of the Chicago Odd Fellows' Relief Committee, and as treasurer of that body received and disbursed \$125,000. He helped to organize the Charity Organization Society, which was formed to



promote the co-operation of all the charitable organizations of the city in 1883. In 1878 he was elected the first President of the Illinois Club, and was re-elected to that position in 1882. He was also a prominent member of the Iroquois Club.

Judge Rogers was always popular in society, where his genial love for humanity and sincerity of purpose won him a host of friends, and his name came to be a household word among the older residents of Chicago. He always manifested a deep interest in the poor and humble of his fellow-citizens, and would often stop to grasp the hand of a man of no social position, while he might merely pass with a pleasant bow a millionaire or social leader.

In 1844 Mr. Rogers was married to Miss Ara-

bella E. Crenshaw, daughter of Hon. B. Mills Crenshaw, who afterward became Chief Justice of the State of Kentucky. Mrs. Rogers, who still survives her noble husband, is a lady of high culture and many accomplishments, and to her loving thoughtfulness and kindly assistance may be attributed much of the success achieved by her husband. They were the parents of four children, all of whom reside in Chicago. Henry, the eldest son, though finely endowed intellectually, owing to ill-health has not been actively engaged in business for many years; and George Mills Rogers, the second son, is a well known attorney and Master in Chancery; the eldest daughter is the wife of Joseph M. Rogers; and Sarah is the wife of ex-Judge Samuel P. McConnell.

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## EDSON KEITH.

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**E**DSON KEITH, one of Chicago's self-made men, is numbered among the most energetic, honorable, progressive and broad-minded residents of the city. He was born at Barre, Vermont, January 28, 1833, and is a son of Martin Keith, a prominent farmer and builder of that place, who afterward became a resident of Chicago.

The Keith family in America are all descendants of Rev. James Keith, of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, who emigrated from Scotland about 1660. Though but sixteen years of age at that time, he was a graduate of Aberdeen College, and became the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Bridgewater. It is said that his first sermon was delivered from a rock in "Mill Pasture," so-called, near the river. He married Susannah, daughter of Deacon Samuel Edson, and they had nine children: James, Joseph, Samuel, Timothy, John, Jariah, Margaret, Mary and Susannah. Unto James (second) were born eight children:

James, Mary, Gensham, Israel, Faithful, Esther, Jane and Simeon. The children of James (third) were: Noah, Comfort, James and Abigail. One of the children of Comfort Keith was Abijah, born June 20, 1770. He was born in Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and was one of the early settlers of Barre, Washington County, Vermont.

Martin Keith was the second son of Abijah, and was born in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, February 23, 1800, and came with his father's family to Barre, Vermont, in 1804. He was married to Miss Betsey French, and had seven children: Damon, Judith, Osborn R., Edson, Byron and Elbridge Gerry.

Betsey French was one of the fourteen children of Bartholomew and Susannah French, who came to Barre from Alstead, New Hampshire, in 1791. Bartholomew French, who was one of the earliest settlers of Barre, built the first mill in that place.

He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, and was born in Sutton, Massachusetts. A historian of the town of Barre says: "To this energetic man and his descendants much of the prosperity of the town, from the time of his arrival until the present day, is due." Twelve of his seventeen children lived until the youngest was past sixty years of age. At least two of his sons served in the War of 1812, and one of them, named Bartholomew, commanded a company of Vermont troops, and served as a Captain of militia for many years afterward.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Keith removed to Chicago in 1859. The former died here in 1876, at the age of nearly seventy-seven years, and the latter in 1868, aged about seventy years. They were worthy representatives of the pioneer families of New England, and cherished the same love of honor and truth for which their ancestors were conspicuous, while practicing that rigid adherence to principle which has distinguished their posterity.

Edson Keith passed his childhood upon the homestead farm and in attendance at the public school. At the age of seventeen years he went to Montpelier, where the next four years were spent. In 1854 he came to Chicago, beginning his mercantile career in this city as clerk in a retail dry-goods store. Two years later he became a salesman and collector for a wholesale house, dealing in hats, caps and furs. In 1860 he became a member of the firm of Keith, Faxon & Company, jobbers of hats, caps, furs and millinery. Since that time he has been continuously associated with that line of business, though the style of the firm has undergone a number of changes and transformations, and the volume of its transactions has been repeatedly multiplied. He is now senior member of the wholesale fancy dry-goods and millinery establishment of Edson Keith & Company, on Wabash Avenue, and President of the firm of Keith Brothers & Company, wholesale dealers in hats, caps, etc., whose place of business is on Adams Street. In addition to these, he is proprietor of Keith & Company, grain warehousemen, and is a stockholder and Director of the Metropolitan National Bank.

He has ever taken a keen interest in the growth and progress of Chicago, maintaining perfect confidence in its future greatness, and has at different times managed some extensive real-estate transactions, which not only have contributed to his personal gain, but have been important factors in the financial prosperity of the community.

But a few years had elapsed after casting in his lot with the growing metropolis before he had established a reputation for integrity of character and honorable dealing which has ever been consistently maintained, and he enjoys the esteem and confidence of his colleagues and coadjutors to a degree attained by few men in the West.

In 1860 Mr. Keith was happily married to Miss Woodruff, of Chicago. This union has been blessed with two sons: Edson, Jr., a graduate of Yale College and later of Columbia Law School, New York City; and Walter W., a graduate of Yale.

Though a sympathizer with Republican principles, Mr. Keith is not a strict partisan, but supports such men for public office as he deems most worthy of his confidence. And, while he does not hold membership with any religious organization, he is a liberal supporter of institutions tending to upbuild the moral and intellectual sentiment of the people. He is a patron of art and literature, and was for several terms a Vice-President of the Art Institute of Chicago. He served for three years as President of the Citizens' Association, in the inception of which he was one of the foremost movers, and which did a great work in the reform of municipal and state affairs. He was three years President of the Calumet Club, and is identified with numerous other leading clubs of Chicago and New York City. His honorable and successful career stands out on the horizon of Chicago's history, a fitting example to its rising generations of the rewards which await persistent and intelligent application, when accompanied by straightforward dealing, buttressed with regular habits and unswerving integrity of character.

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*John F. Eberhart*

## JOHN F. EBERHART.

JOHN FREDERICK EBERHART, fifth child of Abraham and Esther Eberhart (*née* Amend), was born January 21, 1829, at Hickory, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, his early years being busily spent upon his father's farm, situated in the then new-settlement region.

In 1837 he moved with his parents to Big Bend (on the Allegheny), in Venango County, Pennsylvania, still occupying himself with agricultural pursuits, save in winter, which time was given over to district schools. At sixteen he left school, becoming himself a country pedagogue, his first charge being located at the mouth of Oil Creek (near Franklin), Pennsylvania, where, after the manner so eloquently depicted by Eggleston in "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," he "boarded 'round" and received his few dollars per month for "teaching the young idea how to shoot."

The following year he took advanced tuition in drawing, writing and flourishing, afterward teaching these accomplishments to others. After some further schoolteaching, and having himself completed the curriculum of the Cottage Hill Academy at Ellsworth, Ohio, he entered Allegheny College, in 1849, whence he graduated July 2, 1853, having, like many another contemporary who has since "made his mark," worked his way through college by teaching and working upon farms. He always took a leading part in his classes, as well as in many field sports, outlifting, outjumping and outrunning all his several hundred classmates. Perhaps we may allow this to speak as a prophecy of later superior achievements. In oratory he was proficient, as is sufficiently attested by the plaudits of the several thousand auditors who attended his Fourth of July oration near his old home at Rockland, Pa., two days after his graduation.

The succeeding fall he assumed the duties of Principal of the Albright Seminary at Berlin, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. This first institution of letters founded by the Evangelical Association developed and prospered under his fostering care. And here a digression is briefly made in order to call attention to the fact that the Rev. H. W. Thomas, now pastor of the People's Church, Chicago, was a pupil of his at this time.

The first serious disappointment in his life work, as Mr. Eberhart had first planned it, occurred after two years' confinement over school duties, at which juncture several consulting doctors of medicine prognosticated a growing consumption, which he could not outlive beyond a few months at the furthest. Packing up his possessions, he set his face toward the great West, a country destined to give him that abundant measure of renewed life which he has since spent in the interest of others as well as himself. April 15, 1855, was the date of his first coming to Chicago, at which time in the then "Muddy City" he remained only a short interval, on his way to Dixon, Illinois, where for a time he edited and published an early newspaper, called the *Dixon Transcript*. About this time he also prepared and delivered lectures upon chemistry, natural philosophy, meteorology and astronomy, they being among the first popular lectures to be illustrated by practical apparatus. He also at this period traveled for New York publishing houses, and was largely instrumental in establishing district-school libraries in the state. But, best of all, in this invigorating climate, with its changes of diversified labors, attended by abundance of outdoor sports and healthy exercises, he regained and fortified that healthful virility which through more than three and a-half decades has amply sufficed to

keep him well engaged in honorable pursuits; until at this writing, through untiring self-efforts, he stands prominent and time-honored among the early educators of Illinois and the West.

On locating in Chicago, he purchased and for three years edited and published, "The Northwestern Home and School Journal," interspersing such labors by lecturing before and conducting teachers' institutes, not only in Illinois, but also in other western states, coming thus into personal contact with the leading educators of the day, such as Elihu Burritt, Henry Barnard and Horace Mann.

He was elected Superintendent of Schools of Cook County in the fall of 1859. This office he uninterruptedly held for ten years, during which time he earnestly labored to arouse a unanimity of interest and enthusiasm of which our local school history affords no parallel. Our free schools in the county up to this time had never been under proper supervision, and were when he assumed the duties in a neglected condition. But he began a thorough systematic visitation of schools, conferring with teachers and directors, organizing institutes, etc.; until, finding it impossible to secure otherwise the services of adequately qualified teachers, he began his agitation for a county normal school, and with such success, that in 1867 a school was opened at Blue Island, through provisions made by the Board of Supervisors. This school, since removed to Normal, has grown to be a power in the land, being sought by many pupils coming from long distances, and always having a large attendance roll. Among other noteworthy acts we may call to mind the following: Mr. Eberhart was among the organizers of the Illinois State Teachers' Association, the first seventeen consecutive sessions of which he attended; he assisted in establishing the State Normal University, and in making many valuable changes in the state school law, including the original act authorizing counties to establish normal schools, and was the principal mover in forming the State Association of County Superintendents, which chose him for its first President. As President of the County Board of Education, he was the means of introducing the "kindergar-

ten" into the Cook County Normal School, and also aided in establishing the system of free kindergartens in the city. During all this time he was a member of the American Institute of Instruction, as well as one of the first life members of the National Teachers' Association. Mr. Eberhart received many overtures to accept professorships and presidents' chairs in some of our leading institutions of learning, but he always declined, principally because he did not again wish to risk his health and life in such work.

Always imbued with a liking for travel and outings, and with generous tastes for a liberal, rational enjoyment and improvement of life and its grand possibilities, after a quarter of a century spent as before briefly indicated, he set about accumulating a fortune out of real estate. At the time of the panic of 1873 he was esteemed one of the millionaires of the city. However, through joint interests with others, which he had to settle, he lost his possessions, but is now again a wealthy man, and is content in making a wise use of his powers and gifts, being a liberal parent and husband, and munificent in charity donations.

Personally Mr. Eberhart is rather slender, but well proportioned, six feet in stature, of affable manners, positive in opinion, Republican in politics and of deeply religious convictions.

Christmas Day, 1864, the subject of this sketch was married to Miss Matilda Charity Miller, a daughter of Joseph C. and Mercie H. Miller, of this city. This most estimable lady was born in Toronto, Canada, but in infancy was brought to the United States, where, prior to her marriage, she became a prized teacher. She has become the tenderest of mothers, and full of thoughtful kindnesses toward unfortunates in life. Six children have blessed their union, namely: Maude Winifred, born November 1, 1866, and who died February 11, 1873; John Joseph, born September 8, 1870; Frank Nathaniel, December 17, 1872; Mary Evangeline, April 3, 1875; Grace Josephine, June 4, 1877; and Wilfred, June 12, 1881, and who died December 26, 1882.

A brief genealogy of the family is here added:

The name has been variously spelled, Everhart, Everhard, Eberhardt, Eberhard and Eberhart



being the most common forms. Such changes of patronymic spelling are by no means unusual in German descendants living upon American soil; but Eberhart is believed to be the most general, as well as correct, English orthography, and is used by the branch which is the subject of this sketch.

This family, which from 1280 to 1723 (a period of four hundred and forty-three years) gave birth to counts and dukes reigning over the province of Wurtemberg, is of Swabian (Bavarian) German origin. Through the middle ages its numerous descendants have figured very conspicuously in the history of that country and the advancement of civilization. As a generation they have lived ahead of their respective years; have been a martial, well-educated, honorable and religious branch of the human race.

One Eberhart rendered invaluable assistance to Martin Luther, hero of the Reformation, since which era most of the families have belonged to the Lutheran Church. Of its many men of letters, space permits a reference only to Johannes August Eberhardt, friend of Frederick the Great, Privy Councilor to the King of Prussia, member of the Berlin Academy, one of the greatest scholars of the eighteenth century, who composed many able treatises, some of them authority to this day.

Of the sovereigns of this family, whose deeds and virtues are celebrated in prose and verse (the lyric king of German song, the immortal Schiller, pausing in Parnassian flights to do them homage), we must chronicle how "Duke Eberhard the Noble," "Duke Eberhard the Groaner" (or "Rushing Beard"), "Duke Eberhard the Mild," "Duke Eberhard with the Beard," "Duke Eberhard the Younger," "Prince Eberhard" and "Duke Leopold Eberhard" were some of the most noted rulers springing from the loins of this famous race.

The first above was the founder of the royal line, being the most daring warrior Wurtemberg has ever produced, of whom it is written:

"Then spoke Eberhard the Great,  
Wurtemberg's beloved lord,—  
'No great cities boast my state,  
Nay, nor hills with silver stored.

" 'But one treasure makes me blest,  
Though the days are fierce and dread;  
On each subject's loyal breast  
I can safely lay my head.'

" 'Eberhard!' cried one and all,  
And meekly before him bowed,  
'Thou art richest of us all!'  
And their praise rang long and loud.'

The grandson of "The Noble" was "The Rushing Beard," whose episode connected with the fatal conduct of his son Ulrich is famed in art, compositions thereupon being hung in the Corcoran Gallery at Washington (District of Columbia), in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and two canvases in the Museum of Rotterdam; while in Wurtemberg's capital is a life-size statue in marble of "The Rushing Beard," which is among the first objects of interest to attract the attention of the visitor.

Intermarriages were made with such leading families as the Ulrichs, Rudolphs, Henrys, Fredericks, Hartmans and Ludwigs, whose names are occasionally found in the line of rulers, when a male heir was wanting to the Eberharts; or, perchance, a female sovereign for a time appears, as in the case of the Duchess Henrietta, widow of "Eberhard the Younger."

With the death of Charles VI, Emperor of Germany, in 1740, passed away the glories of the House of Hapsburg. At this era the Eberhardts also ceased to reign in Wurtemberg, being dethroned partly by their own injudicious counsels and conduct, but more especially by the then growing ascendancy of the Catholics. This was the time of self-expatriation of many of their line in quest of better fortunes, together with the civil and religious freedom of the New World.

In 1727 three brothers, Michael, Peter and Joseph, came to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Of these, Michael Eberhart came from Germany in the ship "Friendship, John Davis master, landing in the City of Brotherly Love October 16, 1727. He had a son Paul, born during the voyage to America, who lived in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, until 1773, when he removed to the "Manor Settlement" near Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He had a third son, Christian, who married Anna Maria Snyder, of his native

place, where he died in 1849, at the advanced age of seventy-seven. He had a second son, Abraham, who was born December 28, 1797, and who married, August 22, 1820, Esther Armend, of New Salem, Pennsylvania. At twenty-five he removed into the wilderness of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where he cleared a farm and erected a sawmill on the Little Neshannock. He

afterward lived in Illinois and Iowa, and was the first to take up residence in the suburb of Chicago Lawn, October 2, 1877. He died August 7, 1880, and was interred in Rose Hill Cemetery. He was a man of great good sense and staunchest probity. From him descended a fifth child, John Frederick Eberhart, the subject of the foregoing sketch.

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## HON. DANIEL H. PINNEY.

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**H**ON. DANIEL HYDE PINNEY, a worthy member of the Chicago Bar, and formerly Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Arizona, is descended from one of the early Colonial families of Connecticut. His grandfather, Peter Pinney, was a native of the "Land of Steady Habits," and his parents, Martin and Nancy (Johnson) Pinney, were born in Vermont. Martin Pinney was reared in Franklin County, Vermont, and settled in Western New York about 1830. He was a carpenter and builder, and erected many of the early buildings of Orleans County, New York, where he died in 1869, at the age of seventy years. His widow is still living there, in the ninety-second year of her age. The subject of this notice is the seventh of their nine children.

Daniel H. Pinney was born in Albion, the seat of Orleans County, New York, June 2, 1837. He received the benefit of the common schools of his native town, and when still a young man joined the engineering corps employed in the enlargement of the Erie Canal, continuing in that work two years and gaining a practical knowledge which ever after proved of advantage to him. He was possessed of energy, and a worthy ambition to rise in the world, and resolved to try his fortune in the new West.

The year 1856 found him in Chicago, looking

for any honorable employment. For about two years he worked as a clerk and in various occupations, and in the mean time set his mind on the study of law. Going to Michigan City, Indiana, he entered the office of J. A. Thornton, a leading attorney of that place. When business called him to Joliet, Illinois, he continued his studies in the office of Snapp & Breckenridge, and applied himself with such industry and aptitude that he was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in the fall of 1861.

His first experience as a practical lawyer was obtained in the town of Wilmington, Will County, this State, where he practiced two years with moderate success. At the end of this period he returned to Joliet and continued his way into the confidence and esteem of the public. This is shown by the fact that he was five times elected City Attorney of Joliet, and in 1876 he was the successful candidate, as an Independent, for a seat in the General Assembly. He espoused the cause of Judge David Davis as candidate for the United States Senate, and as an active and aggressive worker, was largely instrumental in the success of that candidacy. He continued his law practice in Joliet until 1882, when he was appointed by President Arthur to a position on the Supreme Bench of Arizona, which he filled with credit to all concerned for four years.



After spending a year in California, Judge Pinney returned to Illinois, settling in Chicago, where he has continued in practice since. He is an exceptionally able trial lawyer, and has handled a wide range of cases, many of them taking him to the Supreme Courts of adjoining and distant States. He is, withal, a very modest man, and gets no more credit than he is entitled to. He is a member of the Chicago Bar Association and of the Sons of New York. Being an independent thinker, he has not allied himself with any organizations other than social ones. In religious faith he is a Universalist, and attended the Englewood church of that denomination as long as he dwelt near it. He was an original Lincoln Republican,

and was for many years an active campaigner, but retains his independence of party lines, and acts in elections according to his faith in respective candidates.

In 1865, at Albion, New York, Mr. Pinney was married to Miss Mary, daughter of John B. Lee, a prominent citizen of that town, which was Mrs. Pinney's birthplace. She died in 1872, leaving a son, William Lee Pinney, now in business at Phoenix, Arizona. In 1874 Mr. Pinney married Miss Mary E. Bowman, of Shawneetown, Illinois, a native of Kentucky, who has borne him three children, Harry Bowman, Sidney Breese and Nannie E. Pinney, aged, respectively, nineteen, seventeen and nine years.

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## FRED E. R. JONES.

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**F**RED ELLSWORTH RANDOLPH JONES. To what extent the character of an individual is molded by the circumstances and conditions which surround him is a problem that admits of almost unlimited discussion. But no student of human nature will attempt to deny that the environments of childhood exert a powerful influence upon the life of the future man or woman. A thorough business training, begun at an early age, and vigorously adhered to in mature years, while it may dwarf some of the finer sensibilities and smother many of the noblest attributes of a man's nature, seldom fails to develop a capable, systematic and successful business man.

Mr. Jones was born at Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan, January 18, 1860, and is a son of Aaron C. Jones and Carrie R. Clarke. A. C. Jones was born in New York, and came, during his childhood, with his parents to Michigan. They settled near Adrian, where his father, Abner Jones, became a prominent farmer. The latter was a native of New York. Aaron C. Jones

was a master marble-cutter, but being troubled with weakness of the lungs, which was aggravated by the pursuit of this calling, he abandoned it. In 1868 he came to Chicago and engaged in the fire-insurance business, which occupied his attention until the great fire. The spring following this disaster he contracted a severe cold, which developed consumption and terminated his life. His death occurred in 1874, at the age of forty-five years.

Mrs. Carrie R. Jones, who still resides in Chicago, was born in Goshen, Indiana, where her father's death occurred about the time she was eleven years of age. Her mother's maiden name was Randolph, and she was a relative of the noted Virginia family of that name—the Randolphs of Roanoke. Her grandfather, who was a man of considerable means and influence, devoted much time and money to the cause of the American colonies during the Revolutionary War. During the progress of that struggle he made an expedition to the West Indies in the interests of the Na-



tional Government, leaving his motherless children in charge of a neighbor and friend. His absence was unexpectedly prolonged, and during this time the neighbor moved across the Ohio River to the western frontier, and the family was never re-united.

The subject of this sketch attended the public school until twelve years of age, at which time, owing to his father's failing health, he was obliged to abandon his studies and begin the battle of life. He obtained employment in the insurance office of the late George C. Clarke, his first position being that of errand boy. Under the instruction and training of his kind employer, he rapidly developed an aptitude for business and was promoted to more responsible positions. At the age of twenty years he became the bookkeeper and confidential man of the concern, with which he continued to be identified until 1893. Few boys of his age had to contend with the stern, realistic problems of life to such a degree as he, but, with the advice and counsel of his employer and aided and sustained by his mother's counsel, he made the most of his opportunities. He attended night schools at intervals and subsequently

became a teacher of bookkeeping to night classes at the Chicago Athenæum.

In January, 1893, he was made City Manager in Chicago of the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company, which position he has filled up to this time with credit to himself and the mutual advantage of the parties concerned. He now occupies one of the finest suites of offices in the city, being located in the new and modern Association Building.

Few people who know Mr. Jones as an able, thorough-going business man are aware that beneath his calm, sedate and unemotional exterior, there are veins of sentiment, philosophy and enthusiasm which are seldom allowed to assert themselves during business hours. His more intimate associates, however, know him as a man of refined and cultivated tastes, who has given considerable attention to the study of vocal music and other arts. He is a member of the Apollo and Mendelssohn Clubs. He takes little interest in political or other public movements, but feels a deep concern in the development of the intellectual and spiritual sentiments of mankind.

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## BERNHARD M. WIEDINGER.

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**B**ERNHARD MARIA WIEDINGER, an educator of prominence and one of the oldest members of Chicago's German colony, believed in the brotherhood of man and the equality of all before the law, and this brief sketch of his life will show a little of the much he did for the emancipation of the down-trodden from oppression and slavery, as well as something of his efforts in educating and preparing for the responsibilities of after life many of the active and influential citizens of Chicago.

Professor Wiedinger was born at Engen, near Constance, in Baden, Germany, on the 15th of August, 1826. His ancestors, though not titled, were persons of property and influence, and were

among the leading citizens of the municipality in which they dwelt.

Abraham de Santa Clara, a monk and author of distinction some centuries past, was a near relative of Professor Wiedinger's maternal ancestor of several generations ago. Among the hostages shot by General Moreau in the Napoleonic wars, and whose bones were recently interred with great honor, was an ancestor on the maternal side. For a political offense another gave up his life under the leaden prison roof of Venice.

His father, George, served as an officer in the French army in the famous Peninsular campaign, and with his brothers was in the Government employ, he being engaged in arboriculture and viti-

culture, and having charge of a large number of men. George Wiedinger died some time in the fifties, aged seventy-seven. His wife, Apollonia, *nee* Fricker, died in 1848, at the age of fifty-six. This couple were the parents of thirteen children, only three of whom grew up to years of maturity, all the others dying in early childhood. The eldest child was George, the second Julius Batiste, and Bernhard was the youngest.

Bernhard Wiedinger obtained at Constance the education afforded by the real school and gymnasium, and later attended the Heidelberg University. There he spent two years, and was noted alike for his knowledge of languages and musical versatility. The noted rebellion of 1848 broke out while he was a student at the university, he being then twenty-two years old, and enrolled as a soldier. Young Wiedinger had imbibed in his studies a fierce and unquenchable love of liberty, and hatred of all forms of oppression and tyranny, and did not hesitate to cast his lot with the Revolutionists and share in the dangers that the uprising brought to those who participated in it. He saw bloody work, and was several times wounded. A wound which he received in the head was of a serious nature. The collapse of the Revolution brought swift and summary punishment to many who had raised their hands for liberty. Among those who were taken was young Wiedinger. Until two days before his trial all who were tried were sentenced to death and executed. His punishment was severe, on account of his having been enrolled in the army. He received a sentence of ten years in prison, seven months of which were spent in solitary confinement. After spending something over a year in prison, by the aid of friends he escaped to Switzerland, and later went to France. In the latter country, on account of a speech he made at a demonstration by Republicans, he was compelled to leave the political asylum he had sought in Europe, and come to America, where his efforts in the cause of freedom were destined to be farther-reaching and more successful than they had been in countries where oppression had crystalized in monarchy.

Arriving in the United States in 1851, he re-

mained for a time at Philadelphia, where he had distant relatives. He at once began to learn the language of the country, and in order to do so in what he thought would be the most successful way, he obtained employment on a farm where he would hear only English spoken. He remained on the farm one month, and in after life he often jocosely said that in that time he learned just five words, "breakfast, dinner and supper, horse and harness." He was not long, however, in acquiring a knowledge of English. Among his earliest acts was filing a declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the republic whose political institutions were so dear to him.

His first permanent employment was as traveling salesman for a Philadelphia book house, and in that business he remained for some time and traveled much. He early became an enthusiastic worker in the cause of the abolition of slavery. He was a delegate to the first Republican National Convention held at Cincinnati in 1854, and stumped the state of Indiana with Oliver P. Morton for that party, speaking in German. Later, he went to Kansas, where he thought his efforts in the abolition cause would be more helpful, and there had charge of a station of the "underground railroad," as it was called, for the aid of slaves escaping from the South. He spent some time in the law office of Sherman & Ewing, and was assistant Secretary of the famous Topeka Convention. John Brown numbered him among his band, and when he planned his historic raid on Harper's Ferry sent for him; but he arrived at the place of rendezvous twelve hours too late. In the early part of 1860 he started an abolition paper at St. Joseph, Missouri, but one night a mob visited his office, threw his type and presses into the river, and he was compelled to seek a more promising field of operations. Coming to Illinois, he recruited a company of one hundred men for the famous Hecker regiment, and was elected Captain. On account of defective sight, caused by injury to his eyes when a child, he was prevented from going to the front.

Soon afterward he came to Chicago and bought out a German school of small proportions and engaged in the work of education. He was very



successful as a teacher, and soon had three hundred pupils in attendance. Later he organized a company which built a schoolhouse on the corner of La Salle Avenue and Superior Street. His health failing, he was compelled to give up teaching in 1868 and seek outdoor employment. Subsequently he gave private lessons, was a clerk in the postoffice for a year, and also held a position in the City Clerk's office for two years. A portion of the time between 1868 and 1878, when his health permitted, he was engaged in teaching. He spent a part of this time in the school, but most of the time as a private tutor. In those years, beside the misfortune of bad health, he suffered the loss of his schoolhouse and household goods in the great fire.

In 1865 Mr. Wiedinger was married to Miss Mary D. Moulton, a native of Maine, and a daughter of Judge Jotham Tilden Moulton, of Chicago. Mrs. Wiedinger is a descendant of ancestors who helped build up the New England States. Her father, born October 8, 1808, was a graduate of Bowdoin College, where the poet Longfellow was one of his teachers. He graduated from Harvard Law School, where he was a classmate of Wendell Phillips and Charles Sumner, with the latter of whom he maintained a life-long friendship. Coming to Chicago in 1852, he bought a third-interest in the Chicago *Tribune*, which he sold a year later. He held the office of Deputy Clerk of the United States Court, and United States Commissioner and Master in Chancery, which last office he held until after the fire. His death occurred in 1881. Mr. Moulton was the son of Dr. Jotham Moulton, and grandson of Colonel Moulton, who died in 1777, after serving one year in the struggle for independence. Mrs. Wiedinger has been a teacher for a large part of her life, rendering valuable assistance to her husband in his profession. She has also written for the press, contributing translations, original stories and poetry.

Mr. Wiedinger left three sons: George T., Bernhard M. and Frank A. The first of these is a lawyer, the second is engaged in real-estate work,

and the third has chosen the newspaper profession.

Mr. Wiedinger was one of those earnest and tireless men whose energies keep them always employed. As a friend of freedom, he took an active part in the great moral struggle that preceded the appeal to arms, in which he was unable to engage on account of physical infirmity, but to the aid of which his most effective assistance in every other way was given. He aided in the organization of the Republican party, in order that a bulwark of freedom might be established, and stood in the forefront of progress of that party till 1888, when he considered the party had gone from the position it formerly occupied, and he then joined the ranks of the Democracy. As an educator, he took a place among the leading Germans of Chicago, and his worth as a teacher is often testified by the leading German-American citizens of Chicago, who were his pupils and life-long friends. He was liberal in his ideas and progressive in his work, and said that, if he had done nothing else, he had made it impossible to have a successful German school in Chicago without having an English teacher in it. In the organization of societies of various kinds he took a leading part. He was one of the organizers and President of the Turners' Association of Chicago, also one of the organizers of the Schiller Liedertafel, and its musical director. In recent years a bowling club, composed of his former pupils, assumed the name of "Wiedinger's Boys."

In physique Mr. Wiedinger was a powerful man, and a complete master of the art of self-defense. Once, when attacked by three ruffians, he knocked one down with his fist, kicked over another, and the third, seeing the condition of his companions, fled for safety. He was a prolific writer in his early years, and the habit of contributing to the newspapers he kept up through life. As a friend, a husband and father, he showed those rare characteristics that endeared him to his familiars. His gentle, confiding nature, his domesticity and devotion to his family were apparent to all.



## SAMUEL J. JONES, M. D., LL. D.

SAMUEL J. JONES, M. D., LL. D., is a native of Bainbridge, Pennsylvania, born March 22, 1836. His father, Doctor Robert H. Jones, was a practicing physician in the Keystone State for a third of a century, and died in 1863. The mother, whose maiden name was Sarah M. Ekel, is a member of one of the pioneer families of the old town of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, of Swiss and Huguenot descent. At the age of seventeen, their son Samuel, having finished his preparatory studies, in the fall of 1853, entered Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated four years later with the degree of A. B. In 1860 he received the degree of A. M., and in 1884 was honored by his *alma mater* with the degree of LL. D. His choice of a vocation in life was no doubt influenced by his father's successful practice of medicine, and at an early age he determined to follow in his father's professional footsteps. Accordingly, on leaving college, he began the study of medicine, which he pursued for three years under his father's supervision. In the fall of 1858 he matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, and after pursuing the studies prescribed in the curriculum of the medical department of that institution, took the degree of M. D., in the spring of 1860, just thirty years after the father had graduated from the same university.

The advantages and opportunities for observa-

tion and adventure presented by the United States naval service proved too attractive for the young practitioner to resist, and he became one of the competitors in the examination of candidates for the position of Assistant Surgeon. He successfully passed the examination, and received his appointment just before the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion, and entered upon a life which, for activity, change, excitement and opportunity for acquiring experience, should have fully satisfied his desires in those particulars. He first saw service on board the United States steam frigate "Minnesota," which sailed under sealed orders from Boston, May 8, 1861, as flag-ship of the Atlantic blockading squadron. Three months later he was present at the battle of Hatteras Inlet, which resulted in the capture of the Confederate forts with fifteen hundred prisoners, and ended the blockade-running there. This was the first naval battle ever fought in which steamships were used and kept in motion while in action. In January, 1862, Doctor Jones was detached from the "Minnesota" and detailed as Surgeon of Flag-Officer Goldsborough's staff, on the expedition of Burnside and Goldsborough, which resulted in the capture of Roanoke Island. Later he was assigned to duty as Staff Surgeon under Commander Rowan, and was present at the capture of Newbern, Washington and other points on the inner waters of North Carolina.

Soon afterward Doctor Jones accompanied an expedition up the Nansemond River for the relief of the Union forces engaged in repelling General Longstreet's advance on Suffolk, Virginia. This force was under the command of Lieutenant Cushing, of Albemarle fame, and Lieutenant Lamson. In the spring of 1863 Doctor Jones was assigned to duty at Philadelphia, there passed a second examination, was promoted to the rank of Surgeon, and assigned to duty at Chicago, where, among other duties, he was engaged as Examining Surgeon of candidates for the medical corps destined for naval service in the Mississippi River Squadron. While occupying this position he was ordered to visit various military prisons, and there examined more than three thousand Confederate prisoners who had requested permission to enlist in the Federal service, and who were accepted and assigned to men-of-war on foreign stations. He was ordered to the sloop-of-war "Portsmouth," of Admiral Farragut's West Gulf Blockading Squadron, in 1864, and was soon after assigned to duty as Surgeon of the New Orleans Naval Hospital, where he was at the close of the Rebellion. In the fall of 1865 he was sent to Pensacola, Florida, as Surgeon of the navy yard and naval hospital. In 1866 he was again assigned to duty at Chicago, where he remained until the marine rendezvous there was closed, in the same year. In 1867 he was ordered to the frigate "Sabine," the practice ship for naval apprentices, cruising along the Atlantic Coast, which was his last active service in the navy.

In 1868, after eight years' continuous service, Surgeon Jones resigned to devote his attention to private practice. Not long after he was elected delegate from the American Medical Association to the meetings of the medical associations of Europe, and was, at the same time, commissioned by Governor Geary, of Pennsylvania, to report on hospital and sanitary matters of England and the continent. He attended the meetings of the societies at Oxford, Heidelberg and Dresden, and in the month of September, at the last place, participated in organizing the first Otological Congress ever held. Combining travel with study, he enjoyed the remainder of the year in visiting

various parts of Europe and investigating medical and sanitary affairs, giving special attention to diseases of the eye and of the ear. On his return to the United States he resumed practice in Chicago in 1868. Soon after he was elected President of the Board of Examining Surgeons for United States Pensions at Chicago, and was also made a member of the medical staff of St. Luke's Hospital, and there established the department for the treatment of diseases of the eye and ear, with which he has since been connected.

In 1870 Doctor Jones was again elected a delegate from the American Medical Association to the meetings of the European associations, and, during his stay abroad, spent some months in research and investigation. In the same year he was elected to the newly-established chair of Ophthalmology and Otology in Chicago Medical College, now Northwestern University Medical School, a position he continues to hold. He also established the eye and ear department in Mercy Hospital and in the South Side Dispensary, having charge of each of them for about ten years. For a number of years he was one of the attending staff of the Illinois Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary in Chicago. In 1876 he was a delegate from the Illinois State Medical Society to the Centennial International Medical Congress at Philadelphia, and in 1881 represented the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Medicine at the Seventh International Medical Congress at London. The Ninth International Medical Congress was held in Washington, District of Columbia, in 1887, and of this Doctor Jones was a member. He was President of the section of otology, and was *ex-officio* a member of the Executive Committee, whose duty it was to arrange the preliminary organization of the congress.

In 1889 Doctor Jones was elected President of the American Academy of Medicine, whose objects, as stated in its constitution, are: "First, to bring those who are alumni of collegiate, scientific and medical schools into closer relations with each other. Second, to encourage young men to pursue regular courses of study in classical and scientific institutions before entering upon the



study of medicine. Third, to extend the bounds of social science, to elevate the profession, to relieve human suffering and prevent disease."

Doctor Jones, as may be inferred from the reading of the foregoing recital of his services in his profession, is an enthusiastic worker and an able physician, whose genial manner and success in practice have made him widely known. His labors in the many societies of which he has been a member have been ably supplemented by the product of his pen, which has been directed toward raising the standard of the practice of medicine. His writings have frequently appeared in medical journals, and for several years he was editor of the *Chicago Medical Journal and Examiner*, one of the leading periodicals of the country. He has successfully applied himself to acquiring knowledge pertaining to his specialty, and for twenty years has been recognized by both the medical profession and the public as authority on all matters pertaining to ophthalmology and otology. He has always stood high in the esteem of the profession, and has been active and influential in its councils and deliberations. His fine personal

appearance, genial manners, fund of entertaining conversation, and frank, manly deportment have made him a favorite, both as an individual and a practitioner, and drawn to him a large clientele.

He has never held any political office, but has preferred the reward which has come to him, unsought, in his profession and in literature and science. He has for a quarter of a century been a member of the Chicago Academy of Science, and he is one of its Board of Trustees. He is also President of the Western Association of the Alumni of the University of Pennsylvania, and of the Illinois Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest Greek-letter society in the United States, founded in 1776, whose membership has always been restricted and conferred as a recognition of scholarship.

When the Illinois Naval Militia was organized as a part of the National Naval Reserve, he was solicited to give that organization the benefit of his large experience in the naval service in the War of the Rebellion, and he is now Surgeon of the First Battalion, and has taken an active interest in its development.

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## WILLIAM O. KEELER.

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**W**ILLIAM O. KEELER, who after an active career is spending his declining years at the home of his only surviving son, No. 6818 Wright Street, Englewood, was born in Danbury, Conn., on January 1, 1819. His paternal grandfather, of Scotch descent, was extensively engaged in farming, and gave to each of his children as they married considerable tracts of land. His death occurred at the advanced age of ninety-five years. Abraham G. and Sarah (Dan) Keeler, parents of William O., were natives of Connecticut. The father followed farming in that locality until his death, which occurred December 23,

1836, at the age of sixty-two years. He was drafted for service in the War of 1812, but hired a substitute. His wife lived until 1860, passing away at the age of seventy-seven years. She was a member of the Baptist Church, under the influence of which church her children were reared.

William O. Keeler is the sole survivor of a family of eight sons and two daughters. He was reared in his native town, and at the age of seventeen began learning the hatter's trade. For some years he engaged in the manufacture of hats and in merchandising, devoting his time and attention to those enterprises throughout his business



career. He established the first hat manufactory in Yonkers, N. Y., employing eighty workmen, which was considered a large force at that time.

On the 26th of April, 1843, Mr. Keeler was united in marriage with Miss Abigail Stuart Clark, daughter of Sallu P. and Hannah (Benedict) Clark. Eight children were born of their union, six sons and two daughters. Ella, now deceased, was the wife of J. Deville Dennis. William P. married Miss Temperance Hayward, daughter of Ambrose D. and Martha (Wiley) Hayward, the former a native of Maine, and the latter of Massachusetts. They have two children, William P. and Martha Abigail. William P. Keeler has since April, 1872, held the responsible position of City Cashier in the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Co. He and his wife are members of the Englewood Christian Church. On the 11th of May, 1864, while yet a boy, he enlisted in the War of the Rebellion, joining the one hundred day men and becoming a member of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry, U. S. A., continuing in the service until the 25th of October. Frederick S. and Isaac Ward were the next younger, but are now deceased, as also Frank, twin brother of Fannie. The latter is the wife of Walter Colby, of Chicago, and they have two children, Otis Keeler and Abigail

Stuart. Susan C. and Charles L. have also passed away, and the mother of this family, who was a devoted member of the Christian Church, died May 17, 1889, in her sixty-seventh year.

In 1852, William O. Keeler went to California in search of gold, and after a two-years stay returned to Danbury, Conn., remaining there until the fall of 1854. He then came to Chicago and opened the first hat, cap and fur store on Randolph Street, under the old Matteson House, occupying this stand for a number of years. He afterward removed to a new block on the opposite side of the street, conducting the business until 1861. He then accepted a clerkship with a hat house on Clark Street, near Lake, and later at No. 77 Lake Street, in the Tremont Block, remaining there until 1866. In that year he went upon the road as a traveling salesman, which calling he pursued for a limited time only. His later years have been mostly spent in the manufacture of dress hats, but in the spring of 1894, after passing his seventy-fifth milestone, the infirmities of age compelled him to give up work. Father and son have never been separated in their lives except for comparatively brief intervals, the home of the one having always been the home of the other.

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## ALBERT WILSON KELSO.

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**A**LBERT WILSON KELSO, of Chicago, occupies the responsible position of chief clerk in the office of the Assistant General Manager of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. The record of his life is as follows: A native of Shippensburg, Pa., he was born on the 22d of October, 1859, and is a son of James W. and Anna B (Shade) Kelso. His father was also a native of Shippensburg, and died in that town when the son was only six months old. By trade

he was a painter and decorator, and did a good business along that line. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Kelso married Henry High, and is now residing in Wilson, Kan.

Mr. Kelso whose name heads this record attended the public schools until fourteen years of age, thus becoming familiar with the common English branches of learning. His knowledge has since been greatly supplemented by reading, experience and observation, and he has thus be-

come a well-informed man. At the age of eighteen he emigrated westward, removing with the family to Wilson, Kan. From the age of eight years he had been accustomed to work in a brick-yard, and also engaged in other labor, thus contributing to his own support. He is a self-made man, and whatever success he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own efforts.

While living in Wilson, Kan., Mr. Kelso sought and obtained a position as night clerk in a hotel. Later he removed to Russell, Kan., where he was employed in the same capacity. In May, 1880, he entered the service of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and removed to Wallace, Kan. For seven years he continued his connection with that road, becoming chief clerk in the Division Superintendent's office at Wallace, his merit and ability winning him a promotion to which he was justly entitled. Later he was in the office of the Superintendent of Bridges and Buildings of the Union Pacific Railroad Company at Omaha, and on the 27th of April, 1887, he engaged with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad at Topeka, Kan., occupying a position as clerk in the office of the Superintendent of Roadways. In August, 1890, he came to Chicago as chief clerk

in the office of the Assistant General Manager, which position he now holds. He discharges his duties with promptness and fidelity, and wins the respect of all with whom he is brought in contact.

Turning from the public to the private life of Mr. Kelso, it is noted that in June, 1883, was celebrated his marriage with Miss Elizabeth Spahr, daughter of John and Mary Spahr, who were residents of Carlisle, Pa. The family circle now includes four children, a son and three daughters: Mary, Edith, Newton and Nora.

Socially, Mr. Kelso is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has taken high rank in the order, belonging to Topeka Commandery and Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. From his boyhood he has been an advocate of Republican principles, and since attaining his majority he has cast his vote for the men and measures of that party. He is an accurate and reliable scribe, who has won his way to his present responsible position by his own unaided efforts. His integrity, industrious habits and systematic business methods inspire the confidence of his superior officers, and his many admirable social qualities have gained him numerous personal friends.

## WALES TOBEY

**W**ALES TOBEY, a leading citizen of Worth Township, claims New York as the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred near Plattsburg, on the 28th of September, 1831. His parents were Jesse and Statira (De Kalb) Tobey. The father, who was born in Champlain, N. Y., was an attorney by profession and became a large land-owner and iron-founder. He traveled extensively through the West, and in the community where he lived was recognized as one of its most prominent business men. His death oc-

curred in Plattsburg, N. Y., in July, 1873, at the age of seventy-three years. The Tobey family was of English origin. Jesse Tobey, Sr., the grandfather of Wales, was one of four brothers who in an early day came to America. The others settled in Connecticut, Vermont and Ohio, respectively. Mrs. Statira Tobey was a native of the Empire State, but her parents were born in Pennsylvania, and were of German descent. Her death occurred in 1841.

Wales Tobey spent his boyhood days upon a



farm in Jay Township, Essex County, N. Y., and attended the public schools and an academy. Thus he acquired a good English education, which well fitted him for the practical duties of life. At the age of nineteen he left home and entered upon his business career as book-keeper and salesman in a mercantile establishment in Newport, Mich., where he was employed for three years. He believed it would be to his advantage to begin business in the West, and his judgment was not at fault, as the years have shown. He worked for the firm of E. B. & S. Ward, relatives of his grandmother. When the three years had passed, he went to Grand Haven, Mich., where he began business on his own account as a dealer in wood, furnishing steamboats on the lake. In 1851 he became a resident of Milwaukee, and thence went to Strong's Landing, Wis. The following spring he came to Cook County, Ill., settling in Worth Township.

In 1856, Mr. Tobey purchased his present farm near Worth Station. It was then a tract of wild land, but he at once began to clear and cultivate it, and now has a finely improved farm, supplied with all modern accessories and conveniences. He has bought and sold considerable real estate, and this branch of his business has also proved to him a good source of income. For ten years after locating on his farm, his nearest postoffice was Blue Island, a distance of nine miles, but through his efforts offices were established at Worth, South Mount Forest and Grosskopf. For a year after this result was attained the mail

was brought from Blue Island by private enterprise, for the Government had not then established a mail route. Mr. Tobey, in connection with two other men, supported the mail route by subscription.

On the 8th of January, 1858, Mr. Tobey was united in marriage with Elizabeth Van Horn, daughter of A. C. Van Horn, of Homer, Ill. They had three children: John Dillon, a dealer in hay, grain and ice, in Chicago; Emma, wife of F. Hepperley, of Norfolk, Neb.; and Marion, wife of John Elliott, of Winside, Neb. The mother of this family passed away February 14, 1870, at the age of thirty years. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Tobey was married to his second wife, Elizabeth M. Burt, daughter of Alvin Burt, of Westport, N. Y., January 8, 1874. She was the mother of one child, Charles Clifford Tobey. She passed away June 14, 1892, at the age of forty-seven years.

Mr. Tobey attends the services of the Methodist Church at Worth, which was built upon land contributed by him. In earlier years he was a Republican, but since the formation of the Prohibition party has been identified with that movement. He has never sought, nor would he accept, public office. He has witnessed the marvelous development of Chicago and Cook County for more than forty years, and has borne no small part therein, ever striving to promote the moral and intellectual growth of the community as well as its material prosperity.

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## HIRAM PRATT CRAWFORD

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**H**IRAM PRATT CRAWFORD, a real-estate dealer of Crawford's Station, Chicago, is a native of the Empire State, his birth having occurred in Buffalo on the 3d of January, 1831.

He is a son of Peter Crawford, whose biography will be found elsewhere in this work. He attended the public schools of Buffalo and Chicago. At the age of nineteen, he was established by his



father in a lumber-yard in Marengo; and when the railroad was extended to Belvidere, he removed to that place, whence he afterward went to Rockford, Ill. In 1855, he became a resident of Galesburg, where he carried on business for two years. Since 1857, he has resided at the old homestead, where he is engaged in looking after his extensive real-estate interests. The original farm purchased by his father has constantly increased in value, and now includes some of the most valuable suburban property adjacent to the city.

In 1870, Mr. Crawford married Miss Sarah A. Launt, daughter of Lewis Launt, of Hamden, Delaware County, N. Y., the birthplace of Mrs.

Crawford. Three children graced this union, namely: Sadie B., wife of M. D. Broadway, of Chicago; Nettie S., and Jessie L., deceased. The parents and their children hold membership with the Baptist Church. In his political views, Mr. Crawford is a Republican, and staunchly advocates the principles of that party. He has filled various positions of trust, having been Assessor, Tax Collector and Superintendent of Public Works in Cicero Township. Mr. Crawford is a gentleman of rare physical strength for one of his years. He is kindly in manner, hospitable, and deeply interested in the growth and progress of Chicago.

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## FRANK H. NOVAK.

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**F**RANK H. NOVAK, a leading attorney of West Pullman, was born near Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa, on the 16th of November, 1862, and is a son of Frank and Barbara Novak, who are still living on a farm near Iowa City. The former is a native of Vienna, Austria. He crossed the Atlantic to America in 1858, and became one of the pioneer settlers of Johnson County, Iowa. He is now one of its most extensive farmers and representative citizens. His wife, who was born near Praug, Austria, is a daughter of Frank and Mary Hiek, early settlers of Lynn County, Iowa, who emigrated to America from Praug, Austria, in 1855.

In taking up the personal history of our subject, we present to our readers the life record of one who is both widely and favorably known in this section of Cook County. After attending the common schools, he entered the Iowa City Commercial College, from which he was graduated in the Class of '85. He then engaged in teach-

ing for several terms, and met with good success in that line of work. He afterward became a student in the Iowa State University, of Iowa City, and, on the completion of the collegiate course, entered the law department, having determined to become a member of the legal profession. He received his diploma in 1889, and was thereby entitled to admission to the Bar and to practice in the federal courts.

Immediately after completing his law studies, Mr. Novak opened an office in Iowa City, and was there engaged in business until August, 1893, when he crossed the Mississippi into Illinois and located at West Pullman, where he has since made his home, becoming the leading attorney of that growing suburb, and doing business as a lawyer and loan and collection agent. He is also interested in real-estate and in live-stock investments near Iowa City, where the breeding of English Shire horses and Red Polled cattle is made a specialty.

On the 28th of March, 1890, Mr. Novak was united in marriage with Miss Nellie M. Burke, daughter of Thomas Burke, a resident of Oxford, Iowa. The lady is a native of Ottawa, Illinois. Their union has been blessed with one child, Marie Barbara.

The parents both attend the Catholic Church. Mr. Novak is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Order of Red Men. In politics, he is a Democrat,

and warmly advocates the principles of that party. He has held a number of public offices, was Township Clerk both in Lucas and Monroe Townships of Johnson County, Iowa, was Assessor of Monroe Township, and filled other positions of public trust. Mr. Novak is a gentleman of pleasing address, good business judgment and marked professional ability, making friends of all with whom he comes in contact in either business or social relations.

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## JOHN J. LEAHY, M. D.

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JOHN J. LEAHY, M. D., who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Lemont, was born in April, 1863, and is a native of County Limerick, Ireland. His father, Thomas Leahy, was a native of Tipperary, and his mother, Margaret Leahy, of Kitleely. The Doctor acquired his primary education in the national schools of the Emerald Isle, and then began the study of medicine in the College of Surgeons in Dublin, where he remained for three years. In 1883, he emigrated from Ireland, and in September of that year reached Chicago, where he became a student in Rush Medical College. He there spent two years, and still another year in the Cook County Hospital.

In April, 1885, Dr. Leahy acted upon the advice given to the young men of America by the sage of Chappaqua and went West, settling at Delmar Junction, Clinton County, Iowa. Attracted by the inducements offered at Lemont, however, he, in the autumn of the year 1885 settled in this place, where he has enjoyed a large and constantly increasing practice. Much of the

time Dr. Leahy has been employed by corporations working large forces of men. From 1886 to 1891, he was surgeon for the Santa Fe Railroad Company, and during the year 1892 he was physician and surgeon for the firm of Frazier & Chalmers, manufacturers of mining machinery at Chicago, where he was busily engaged, having in charge a thousand men and their families. Since the beginning of 1894, he has been physician and surgeon to the Illinois Stone Company, and also to Section 5 of the Drainage Canal at Lemont, in addition to his general practice.

In 1887, Dr. Leahy married Miss Margaret Reardon, of Lemont, daughter of Thomas and Helen Reardon, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Three bright and beautiful children, two girls and a boy, have blessed this union. They are Clara Louise, John J. and Marion. Dr. Leahy's cheerful disposition makes him many friends, professionally and otherwise, and he enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He has one brother in this country, Rev. Patrick Leahy, of Lyons, Iowa.

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## CYRUS HALL McCORMICK.

CYRUS HALL McCORMICK, measured by his achievements and their influence upon mankind, must rank as one of the greatest benefactors of modern times. This statement is, perhaps, a comprehensive one, but it is not unwarranted by facts, and indeed was given an authoritative stamp when, in the latter years of Mr. McCormick's life, he was chosen a corresponding member of the French Academy of Sciences, on the ground of his having done more for the cause of agriculture than any other living man. Why this broad and generous tribute? Why is the name of Cyrus Hall McCormick remembered and honored, and why will his memory hold a sacred niche in Fame's enduring temple throughout all coming time? To answer queries of this nature we must give a brief sketch of the life, the influences, and the labors of him concerning whom they are asked.

The McCormick family lived in Rockbridge County, Virginia. They were descendants of an early settler in that portion of the State, who had been invited thither by the fertile fields lying in the broad valley between the Shenandoah and Blue Ridge mountain ranges. It was here that Cyrus Hall McCormick was born on the 15th of February, 1809. His parents were Robert and Mary Ann (Hall) McCormick, and their circumstances, while perhaps not warranting luxurious living, were, nevertheless, conducive to comfort and the peaceful enjoyments common to that period. It was an era when modern frivolities and diversions were comparatively unknown, and when the hearts of men and women found their sweetest solace in the regularly recurring services held in the little church. Light literature was there unknown, and books of travel, history and biog-

raphy were almost equally scarce. As a consequence, the Bible was much read in the homes of the people, and its precepts were more carefully instilled into the minds of its students than is common in this push-and-hurry age of ours. The parents of young McCormick were recognized by their neighbors as the possessors of marked ability and integrity of character, and their lives and actions were shaped in conformity with the best ideals of Christianity.

It was amid surroundings such as these that the subject of this sketch acquired those traits which mark the career of the successful man, and to which men of all times and of all nations have paid the tribute of their admiration and their praise. This schooling of his character at home was supplemented by young McCormick's attendance upon the "Old Field" school, where the rudiments of book knowledge were acquired, and this was further enhanced by an evident desire for knowledge not found in books, a knowledge of the practical, of the common things about him. Genius is rarely an accidental trait, and it will be seen that the natural environments in which young Cyrus lived were shaping his destiny. His father was a man of more than ordinary ability, himself a student throughout all the years of his life, with an inclination toward invention, and indeed an inventor in fact, as several useful devices are accredited to his ingenuity in this line. He was extensively engaged in farming, and had upon his premises both blacksmith and wood-working shops for the prompt repairing of the various farm implements, as occasion demanded. He appears to have been fond of the workshop, and it was but natural that he should give considerable time and attention to the

construction of experimental devices as they suggested themselves to him. Among some of the improvements resulting from his experiments were a hemp-breaking machine, a threshing-machine, and a blacksmith's bellows. As early as 1809, he conceived the idea of a grain-cutting mechanism, and in the summer of 1810 his conception had assumed a tangible form and was taken into the field for practical test. The cutting device consisted of a system of rotary saws, revolving past the edges of stationary knives, so as to cut like shears. A witness who saw its performance in the grain field described it as "a somewhat frightful looking piece of machinery when moving." It failed to meet the expectations of its inventor and was laid aside, though the idea of the reaper kept possession of him for several years thereafter, and he in fact made one or two subsequent attempts to perfect the machine, but without success.

To his father's experiments and failures young Cyrus paid much attention, and it is not unlikely that at an early age he brought himself to believe that he would some time bring order out of the chaos which had marked the elder's reaper-inventing career. He had a natural liking for mechanical inventions, and spent a goodly portion of his time in his father's workshops, becoming quite an adept in the use of the various tools. At the age of fifteen he made a grain cradle, by the use of which he was enabled to go into the harvest field and keep pace with the older laborers. A little later he constructed a hill-side plow, a practical and useful invention, which threw alternate furrows either right or left. This was patented, but was in turn superseded by his horizontal self-sharpening plow. It was at the age of twenty-two that he determined to devote his energies to the reaper; and with his father's failures before him plainly showing what was impracticable, and perhaps offering vague suggestions as to what the practicable machine must be, he dreamed, he thought, and he worked. He first convinced himself that the principle adopted by his father was fundamentally wrong, he believing that the cutting device should give way to a horizontal reciprocating blade, which should operate upon the grain in mass. Deciding upon the de-

tails of such a machine, he set to work with his own hands to combine them in wood and iron. He became so deeply absorbed in his work that his father, remembering his own futile attempts in the same line, sought to discourage the boy, telling him that he was wasting both his time and talents. Happily, however, Cyrus saw deeper, and with that persistence which was an inborn trait of his character, continued on in his work, and in the summer of 1831 went into a field of grain with the first successful reaper that was ever built. The distinguishing features of that machine were the reciprocating blade, operating in fixed fingers; the platform for receiving the falling grain; the reel to draw the grain back to the knives; and the divider, to separate the grain to be cut from that left standing. These features and their combination must be credited to the genius and skill of Cyrus Hall McCormick. They are found in all grain-cutting machines now extant, of whatsoever name or nature, and to dispense with them "would be to wipe every reaper out of existence." The words quoted are from "Knight's New Mechanical Dictionary," compiled and edited by Edward H. Knight, A. M., LL. D., in charge of the classifications and publications of the United States Patent Office.

When the field experiment had demonstrated the practical utility of his invention, it was temporarily relegated to a secondary place in the mind of its inventor. To enter at once upon the work of building machines for general use would involve an expenditure and obligation which, at that time, it was felt, could not be assumed; and therefor, more perhaps as a stepping-stone than otherwise, Mr. McCormick entered into a partnership for the smelting of iron ore, a business which appears to have moved along smoothly and with some degree of success until the panic of 1837, when it went down in the general crash which carried with it so many older and more pretentious enterprises. Looking out upon the wreck, Cyrus McCormick saw all material interests receding from him; looking within, he saw a sturdy young manhood, and felt the red blood of ambition coursing through his veins. Little time was spent in repining. The first thing to be done—



or at least to be provided for—was the payment of every obligation which the firm had assumed, and to this end Mr. McCormick sacrificed all his possessions, including the farm which his father had given him. Then, with his face turned toward the light, with faith in himself and the reaper, he cast about him for ways and means for the further improvement of his machine, its manufacture and sale. Like most stories of great successes, this is the story of small beginnings, many vicissitudes and perplexities, and some anxiety; but over all the rainbow of hope. The shops of the old Virginia farm were utilized as “factories” during the first few years, and, as may be imagined, the annual output of machines was insignificant until the year 1845, when it was decided to start a plant at Cincinnati, Ohio. Arrangements were also made at this time with a firm at Brockport, New York, for building the reaper on a royalty. It was thought that from these two points the East and West could be supplied, but the popularity of the grain cutter outran the expectations of its inventor, and, to accelerate the development of the regions farther west, a demand for it sprang up and became so general that it was decided to again enlarge the plant, increase the facilities, and locate near the great and growing market of the West. Accordingly, in 1847, the McCormick Reaper Works became one of the great industries of the young city of Chicago. In 1848 seven hundred machines were built and sold, and from that time to this the business has shown a steady growth, until its proportions are well nigh amazing. The present capacity of the McCormick Reaper Works exceeds 150,000 machines every year; and, with the possible exception of India, there is no grain and grass growing country beneath the sun where the McCormick machines are not employed in garnering the crop.

After the assured success of the reaper at home, Mr. McCormick took measures to bring it to the attention of the agriculturists of the Old World. As an initial step in this direction, the machine was placed on exhibition at the first World's Fair, held in London in 1851. It was at a time when English eyes were given to the casting of unfriendly glances toward whatever emanated from Yan-

keedom, and the McCormick reaper was not allowed to escape the ridicule of the press, the London *Times* characterizing it as “a cross between an Astley chariot and a wheelbarrow.” Before the Exposition season closed, however, the reaper completely conquered prejudice and the *Times* made the *amende honorable* by stating editorially that it was “alone worth the entire expense of the Exhibition,” and the Great Council Medal was awarded to Mr. McCormick on the ground of the originality and value of his invention. From this moment fame and fortune were assured, and there were no fields either at home or abroad in which McCormick was not conqueror. At the Universal Exposition at Paris, in 1855, he was awarded the Grand Prize. Again at Paris in 1867 he gained the Grand Prize and decoration by the Emperor with the Cross of the Legion of Honor. It was at this time that M. Eugene Tisseraud, Director-General of the Imperial Domains, said: “The man who has labored most in the general distribution, perfection and discovery of the first practical reaper is assuredly Mr. McCormick, of Illinois. Equally as a benefactor of humanity and as a skillful mechanic, Mr. McCormick has been adjudged worthy of the highest distinction of the Exposition.” A third triumph was secured at Paris in 1878, when the Grand Prize was once more bestowed upon Mr. McCormick, and he was also honored by the French Academy of Sciences, as was referred to in the opening paragraph of this sketch. Many personal tributes might be given illustrating the high regard in which Mr. McCormick was held, and showing the recognition of the value of his invention. During his life-time honors came to him thick and fast, and it is not untimely to add here that since his death the business which he founded, and the harvesting machines which still bear his name, stand first and foremost in the business and agricultural world. Honors have continued to come to the McCormick, not the least of which were those secured at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

Cyrus Hall McCormick encountered obstacles which only a matchless energy and ability could have overcome. At the beginning of his career,

and for a long time afterwards, he was inconvenienced by a lack of capital and by his isolation from centres of communication and trade. He was forced to overcome the opposition originally brought to bear against all labor-saving machines. Congress refused to give him just patent protection, for the reason that his invention was so valuable that all should be allowed to make it! But against all these odds he came out conqueror. Steadily he overcame every obstacle and established his claim to be a benefactor of the industrial world.

Man's better nature, his human side, his kinder, gentler self, cannot be always seen to advantage in the hurly-burly of an active business career, and it is pleasant to recall the memory of Cyrus Hall McCormick as he appeared to those who knew him in social life, in his home, in his church relations, and in all those varied walks that lead away from business and touch the strings of human hearts. Mr. McCormick had this gentler nature, and, while it is not our purpose here to rehearse the many ways in which this characteristic evinced itself, still a sketch of his life should contain a brief mention of those more conspicuous acts wherein are shown the trend of his benevolence and the munificence of his philanthropy. In 1859, at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church held at Indianapolis, he made a proposition to endow the professorships of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northwest, on condition that it be located at Chi-

cago. The conditions were accepted, and the seminary, which, in addition to the original endowment, received from Mr. McCormick numerous other magnificent donations, is to-day a proud monument to his liberality and nobility of heart. On the educational and religious lines of his work was also his purchase of the *Interior*, a newspaper established in Chicago to represent the Presbyterian Church. In the hour of its financial struggles he purchased it, placed it upon a sound financial basis, and it is to-day one of the most able and influential religious journals published. He was also a liberal contributor to various schools and colleges in different parts of the country, those of his native Virginia coming in for generous recognition at his hands.

In 1858 Mr. McCormick married Miss Nettie Fowler, daughter of Melzar Fowler, Esq., of Jefferson County, New York. Four sons and three daughters were born to them, two of whom, a son and a daughter, died in infancy. The surviving children are: Cyrus Hall McCormick, now President of the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company; Mary Virginia; Anita, widow of the late Emmons Blaine; Harold and Stanley.

Mr. McCormick died on the 13th of May, 1884. His life was rounded out by something more than the three-score and ten years of scriptural allotment; but we live in deeds, not years, and, measured by this standard, the life of Cyrus Hall McCormick was long, and ever longer groweth.

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## JOHN BICE TURNER.

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JOHN BICE TURNER, founder of the great railway system now known as the Chicago & Northwestern, will ever deserve the gratitude of Chicago for his public spirit and perseverance in carrying out his enterprises in the face

of great financial and other difficulties. The pioneers of Chicago, whose number is rapidly growing small, speak of him in the most kindly and approving terms. Probably but a very small percentage of the thousands who daily ride to and from



the city on the "Northwestern" suburban trains ever consider the hardships endured by those who first undertook to construct a railway to the West from the struggling young city by the lake. It had no double track at first, and no "parlor" or "palace sleeping" cars followed its strap rails. The generation which found a modern-equipped line ready for its accommodation can little understand the conditions that obtained when John B. Turner laid the first "T" rails in Illinois.

The subject of this biography was born in Colchester, Delaware County, N. Y., on the 14th of January, 1799, less than a decade after the establishment of the present United States Government. His father, Elisha Turner, died when he was but two years old, and his mother when he was fourteen. Her maiden name was Patience Coville, and she was of Dutch origin. The Turners are of English lineage. Soon after his father's death, J. B. Turner was adopted by David Powers, and passed his youth on a farm and about a tanyard operated by his foster-father, in the meantime receiving such instruction as the country schools of the time afforded. In 1819, he married Miss Martha Voluntine, and settled down at farming. Five years later, he sold out his interest in the farm and purchased a mill and store, and built a distillery at Maltaville, in Saratoga County, which he operated six years. Financial reverses caused him to abandon these interests, and his attention was first turned to railroad construction in 1835, when he took a contract to build seven miles of the Ransom & Saratoga Railroad. After its completion, Mr. Turner was placed in charge of this road, most of whose trains were hauled by horses, of which the company owned thirty head, and he constructed barns every ten miles for the accommodation of the motive power. It was on this line, under Mr. Turner's management, that the "Champlain," an engine of five tons' weight, was placed in commission, being the second of its kind in use.

In November, 1835, Mr. Turner, with a partner, broke ground on the Delaware Division of the New York & Erie Railroad, but was forced to suspend operations when the financial disasters of April, 1837, crippled the owners, and the capital

of the contractors appeared to be swallowed up. The subsequent resumption of the company restored to Mr. Turner the \$16,000 which he regarded as lost, and with a brother-in-law, John Vernam, he engaged in building the Genesee Valley Canal. The suspension of operations by the State on the canal in 1840 again caused a heavy loss to Mr. Turner, but on the resumption of construction this was, in part, restored to him. By the spring of 1843, he had completed a section of the Troy & Schenectady Railroad with profit, and he turned his attention toward the growing West as the most desirable field for the investment of his capital. With his wife, he made a trip as far West as the Mississippi River, and decided to locate at Chicago, returning East at once for his family.

The 15th of October, 1843, found him again in Chicago, and he took up quarters at the old Tremont House. His active mind readily grasped the opportunities for investment, and one of his first moves was the purchase of one thousand acres of land near Blue Island, on which he placed a herd of sheep, brought from Ohio in the spring. An attempt at railroad building had been made as early as 1837, and a few miles of strap rails had been laid, terminating on the prairie not far from the present western limits of the city of Chicago. In 1847, Mr. Turner and William B. Ogden, the first mayor of Chicago, organized a company to construct a road westward from Chicago, and on the 5th of April in that year, Mr. Ogden was elected President, and Mr. Turner Acting Director of the Chicago & Galena Union Railroad, the objective point being Galena—a town little less than Chicago in size and importance at that time. Both the gentlemen above named were enthusiastic in the interest of the enterprise, and by their untiring labor in soliciting subscriptions to stock and securing right of way from the people most benefited by its construction, said construction was made possible. At the election of officers in December, 1850, when Mr. Turner was made President, the track was completed beyond Elgin and reached Freeport, where it connected with the Illinois Central in September, 1852.

By this time, it had been demonstrated that the



western prairies were destined to support an immense population, and attention was turned to the construction of the "Dixon Air Line," from Turner Junction west to the Mississippi River. This was rapidly completed under Mr. Turner's active and able management, and a portion of the line across the State of Iowa was also completed under his presidency, before he resigned in 1858. He continued an active director of the road, and in the Chicago & Northwestern, after the consolidation of the different lines, until his death. In 1853, he organized the Beloit & Madison Railroad Company, which became a part of the same system, being now a part of the Madison Division, and on the consolidation, in June, 1864, of these various lines, he was chairman of the committee having the arrangements in charge, and was afterward a member of the Executive Committee of the Chicago & Northwestern. Mr. Turner was also a director of the North Side Street Railroad, incorporated in February, 1859, and continued to hold stock during his life.

In 1853, Mr. Turner was called upon to mourn the death of the wife who had shared in his early toils and successes, and in 1855 he married Miss Adeline Williams, of Columbus, Ga. Three sons and three daughters were given to him. He was vigorous and active to the day of his death, which was the 26th of February, 1871, more than seventy-two years of life having been his allotted time. The end came peacefully and quietly, and on that day Chicago lost one of her most valued and upright citizens, who did what he could to benefit his fellows. On the day of his funeral, the offices of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway were closed out of respect for the "judicious and faithful counselor, genial companion, considerate friend and Christian gentleman. His devotion to the material interests of the country was exceeded only by the patriotism which never lost sight of the highest duties of citizenship. His great works live after him, and will keep his memory green forever."

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## E. F. L. GAUSS.

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**E**F. L. GAUSS is First Assistant Librarian in the Chicago Public Library, and the responsible position which he occupies finds in him a capable incumbent. He is also a patron of literature and music, and indeed is a friend to all those arts which are calculated to elevate and benefit mankind. He claims Germany as the land of his birth, which occurred in Stuttgart in 1842. He came of one of the old aristocratic families of that country, and was reared accordingly. The father died in 1848, and the mother was called to her final rest in 1845.

Mr. Gauss whose name heads this record attended school in his native land for a number of years, and in 1859, at the age of seventeen, he

crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in New York City. When the war for the Union broke out, and President Lincoln called for volunteers to aid in crushing the rebellion which threatened to destroy the nation, he at once enlisted, joining the boys in blue of Company K, First New York Infantry. After two years of valiant service he was honorably discharged, in 1863.

Mr. Gauss on leaving the army went to Missouri, where he studied theology in the Missouri Evangelical School, and later he pursued his studies in an Episcopal academy in Ohio. In 1871, in St. Louis, he was ordained as a minister, and was given charge of the church in Bunker Hill, Ill., where, as there were many German

settlers in that locality, his services were conducted in his native tongue. In 1874 he went to Europe in order to complete his studies, and from 1875 until 1878 was a minister in the State Church of the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland. In the latter year he again crossed the Atlantic to America, and took up his residence in Galena, Ill., being called to the pastorate of the church at that place, of which he continued in charge for two years. In 1880 he came to Chicago, and engaged in literary work while in the employ of the Government, in which employ he continued until 1885. In 1887 he entered the Chicago Public Library. He was afterward made First Assistant Librarian, and still fills that position. He also continues his ministerial work to a limited extent, although he accepts no pastorates.

In 1867 Mr. Gauss was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Stehlin, and to them has

been born a family of five children. The parents and their children are all members of the Congregational Church, and take a most active interest in church work, doing all in their power for its promotion and success.

Mr. Gauss has won a high reputation as a public speaker, and at one time delivered many addresses in support of the Republican party, the principles of which he warmly advocates. He has, however, never aspired to public office. He has also won note as a metrical translator. He is a man of most liberal education, and during the famous Anarchists' trial served as official interpreter. Socially, he is connected with the Schiller Club, of which he is Secretary, and also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the National Union and the German Press Club, which latter he is now serving as Treasurer. He is also President of the Chicago Library Club.

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## ROBERT S. HILL.

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ROBERT S. HILL, who is successfully engaged in the practice of law in Chicago, was born in Buxton, York County, Maine, on the 31st of August, 1851. His ancestors on his father's side came from England. Three brothers of the name of Hill crossed the Atlantic with the early English colonists and settled in Massachusetts. One of them afterwards removed to the district of Maine, and from this branch of the Hill family the subject of this sketch is directly descended. The members of the family were prominent land-owners and business men, and often bore an important part in the events which went to make up the history of colonial days. Mr.

Hill's great-grandfather was the owner of the property in Buxton, Maine, now occupied by his father. The grandfather was a resident of Buxton, and took part in the War of 1812, during which he was commissioned as an officer by the Governor of the Pine Tree State. Another of the ancestors of the subject of this sketch was an officer in the Revolution, and was numbered among the heroes of the battle of Bunker Hill. Another was captured by the English and taken to Canada, where he was forced to live among the Indians for an entire winter, during which time he was subjected to great hardships and suffering. He finally escaped and returned to his home in Maine,



much to the surprise and pleasure of his wife and family, who supposed him dead.

On his mother's side Mr. Hill traces his ancestry back to the "Mayflower," being descended from Moses Fletcher, who crossed the Atlantic in the vessel which brought the Pilgrim Fathers to the shores of the New World. The latter was a member of the Council of Plymouth, and now lies buried at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, where his name appears on the monument erected in memory of those old heroes.

Mr. Hill's father, now retired from business with a competency, was an active lumberman and farmer in Buxton, Maine. He has always taken a keen interest in the religious, educational and political matters pertaining to his town, state and country. He was a great admirer and a warm friend of the late Hon. James G. Blaine.

The boyhood days of R. S. Hill were pleasantly passed in his native town, and he was given good educational advantages by his father. After leaving the common schools in Buxton, he attended Limington and Gorham Academies, both of Maine, and his first effort in life after leaving the latter institution was to engage in school teaching in his native state, being then twenty years of age. After a brief and successful experience as a school teacher, he came to the West with his uncle, and entered Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, being graduated from the law department of that institution in the Class of '74. He then returned to New England, and for one year studied law in the office of an attorney in Boston. The year 1876 witnessed his return to the West and saw him located in Chicago. He immediately embarked in practice, which he has carried on continuously since. He makes corporation law a specialty, and has been very successful, winning many important cases. At the present time he is employed as attorney for a number of corporations.

On the 26th of January, 1877, Mr. Hill was married in Buxton, Maine, to Miss Fannie S. Owen. Her ancestors came from England and aided the colonies in their struggle for indepen-

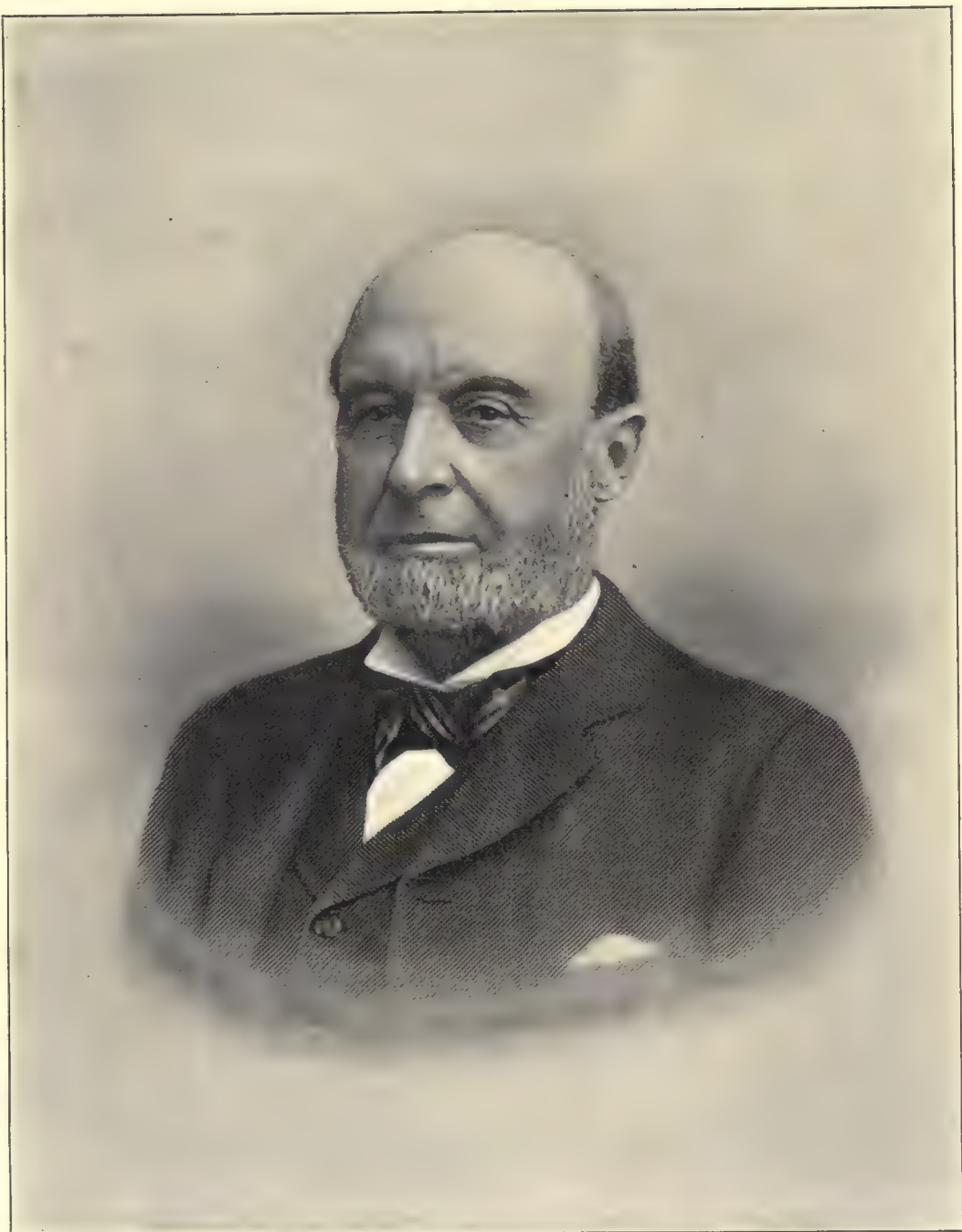
ence, taking a leading part in the War of the Revolution. One of the number was captured by the British in 1807, taken on board a man-of-war, and forced to serve as a part of the crew. After a few weeks' service, while the ship was cruising off the coast of Massachusetts; he took advantage of a favorable opportunity, jumped overboard, swam safely ashore and returned home. To Mr. and Mrs. Hill have been born five children, as follows: Harry Robert, who died of diphtheria in 1882; Owen T., now a student of the Fuller School, Hyde Park; Helen M. and Alice, who attend the same school; and Robert S., a little lad of three and a-half years.

Mr. Hill is a great admirer and firm supporter of the Hon. Thomas B. Reed, who is his choice for the presidency. He has known Mr. Reid all his life, and on account of a knowledge of his character, ability and political proclivities, he supports him as a presidential candidate. Mr. Hill takes a very warm interest in political affairs, and labors earnestly to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He is recognized as a good parliamentarian and, because of his knowledge of the rules of parliamentary usage, has often been called upon to preside over political meetings where trouble and turbulence were anticipated, and as such presiding officer has been able, even in very exciting meetings, to maintain order and discipline where one less skilled would have failed.

Mr. Hill is a member of the Sons of Maine. He contributes liberally to benevolent institutions, yet makes no display of his charity. In his tastes he is domestic and enjoys the companionship of his family much more than that of general society. In his religious belief he is liberal, broad minded and charitable, believes in his children attending church and Sunday-school and having instilled into their minds the principles of Christianity. In both business and social circles he is well known as an honorable, upright man, and is held in the highest regard by his many acquaintances and friends.



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*Jesse Spalding*

## JESSE SPALDING

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JESSE SPALDING is a descendant of one of the oldest American families. The environment of the New England fathers was calculated to bring out and develop all that was sturdy and vigorous in both mind and body, and their descendants continue to manifest the traits of character which enabled them to survive the hardships which they were compelled to endure, and which rendered prosperity possible in the face of the most forbidding conditions.

The town and family of Spalding are known to have existed in Lincolnshire, England, in the twelfth century. Between 1630 and 1633, Edward Spalding left that town and settled in Braintree, in the then infant colony of Massachusetts. From him the line of descent is traced through Joseph, Nathaniel, Joseph, Joseph and John to Jesse.

The Spalding family first settled in southern Connecticut, early in the seventeenth century. Its members shared in the work of subduing the wilderness, as well as defending their homes from the aboriginal savages. Some of them achieved distinction in the heroic defense of Fort Groton, Connecticut. Many served in "King Philip's War," and fifty-two were active in the Revolution, of whom nine participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, where one fell from his dying horse.

Joseph Spalding, grandfather of Jesse, was born in Plainfield, Connecticut. He was an officer of the Revolutionary army, and removed to Pennsylvania in 1780, settling on land near Athens, Bradford County, on the upper waters of the Susquehanna River. This land was claimed by both Connecticut and Pennsylvania, and Mr. Spalding was obliged to pay tribute to both commonwealths before he could secure a clear title. This was a great hardship, but he went to work

with characteristic energy, and shortly thereafter, despite all discouragements, became a prosperous farmer and leading citizen of the community.

John, father of Jesse Spalding, was active and influential in Bradford County affairs, and at one time occupied the office of Sheriff, winning universal approbation by the intrepid and vigorous manner in which he discharged his official (and often perilous) duties in a new and somewhat lawless community. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Dr. Amos Prentiss, a distinguished physician of Groton, Connecticut, and a representative of a prominent Colonial family.

Jesse Spalding was born at Athens, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1833. While assisting his father in farm work, he found time to acquire such education as the common schools and the academy of his native town afforded. On attaining his majority he engaged in lumbering on the north branch of the Susquehanna, and became a woodsman and raftsmen. At the age of twenty-three he began to deal in lumber on his own account, and was successful. His product was rafted to Middletown, Columbia and Port Deposit, and marketed in Washington, Alexandria, Norfolk and Richmond, Virginia, and other points.

Foreseeing the rapid growth of the young city of Chicago, he removed hither in 1857, and soon after bought a sawmill at Menekaunee, at the mouth of the Menominee River, in Wisconsin, where he commenced the manufacture of lumber. This mill was burned in 1870, rebuilt and burned in 1871, rebuilt in 1872, and is now finely equipped with gang, band and circular saws and modern machinery, being thoroughly complete in all its appointments. For a time business was conducted by the firm of Wells &



Spalding, the firm name later becoming Spalding & Porter, and subsequently Spalding, Houghteling & Johnson. In 1871, the concern was incorporated as the Menominee River Lumber Company, and in 1892 Mr. Spalding purchased the interest of his partners, and has since been the sole owner. Shortly after he bought out the New York Lumber Company at Menekaunee, he secured a milling property at the mouth of Cedar River, about thirty miles above the city of Menominee, and in 1882 he organized the Spalding Lumber Company, of which he became President, being at the same time its active manager. His purchases of timber-lands in Wisconsin and Michigan to supply the mills of these companies with logs have aggregated two hundred and sixty-five thousand acres. Besides its value for timber, this land has proven rich in iron ore, and three mines are now successfully operated on the property. The output of the mills at Cedar River is shipped in boats owned by the Spalding Lumber Company direct to Chicago, whence it is distributed from the Chicago yards to the western and south-western markets in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. Lumber has also been shipped recently, in large quantities, direct from the mills at Menekaunee to Detroit, Buffalo, Rochester, Albany and Boston. The companies of which Mr. Spalding is the head are among the largest of their kind, and annually produce from sixty to seventy-five millions of feet of lumber.

Although he cannot be said to have been a pioneer in the lumber business of Chicago, few men have been more closely identified with its growth than Mr. Spalding. In fact, his name is indissolubly linked with the political, social and business interests of the city and the Northwest.

Mr. Spalding is amply fitted by nature and training for the manipulation of large interests, and his success is in no small degree due to the fact that he does not despise small things. All the minutiae of his extensive interests are familiar to him, and his practical experience enables him to give attention to the smallest details. His investments in banking and other financial concerns are made with the same judicious care, and are equally successful with his other undertak-

ings. He is a director in many large corporations of the city, and his advice is frequently sought in the conduct of many important enterprises. It is not strange that his fellow-citizens should discover in him a capable man of affairs; and when the city was destroyed by fire in 1871, he was sought out as one who would be useful in adjusting public business to existing conditions, and in raising Chicago from its ashes and reviving business activity. He was three years in the City Council, and while Chairman of the Finance Committee, he, by judicious management, aided in the restoration of the city's financial credit, materially furthering the establishment of good municipal government. In 1861, when the Nation was threatened with destruction, Mr. Spalding was among its most active defenders. He was requested by the Adjutant-General of the State of Illinois to build and equip barracks for the Government soldiers (afterward known as "Camp Douglas"), besides which he built barracks the following year on the North Side for returning soldiers. He furnished all the material for these structures, receiving in payment the State Auditor's warrants, there being no funds in the Treasury to be applied to this purpose.

Mr. Spalding has been an active worker in the interests of the Republican party from its inception, because he believed the weal of the Nation depended upon the success of the principles maintained by that party. He was a personal friend of Grant, Arthur and Conkling, as well as other now prominent National leaders, and gave counsel in many grave exigencies. He presided at the unveiling of the Grant monument in Lincoln Park. In 1881 he was appointed by President Arthur Collector of the Port of Chicago, and filled that office in a manner most acceptable to the Government and the people of the city. With him a public office is a trust, to be executed with the same faithful care which one bestows on his own private affairs; and when he was appointed Director of the Union Pacific Railroad on behalf of the Government by President Harrison, he made a personal investigation of the property in his own painstaking way, submitting the report to the Secretary of the Interior. This report, which

gave a careful review of the resources of the country traversed by the line, and its future prospects, was ordered printed by Congress, and commanded careful attention from financiers and those concerned in the relations of the Pacific roads to the Government. It was also embraced in the annual report of the Board of Directors of the Union Pacific Railway Company.

Mr. Spalding was associated with William B. Ogden and others in the project for cutting a canal from Sturgeon Bay to Green Bay, by which the danger of navigating "Death's Door" (as the entrance to Green Bay is known) could be avoided, as well as saving a distance of about one hun-

dred and fifty miles on each round trip between Chicago and Green Bay ports. This was completed in 1882 by the Sturgeon Bay & Lake Michigan Ship Canal and Harbor Company, of which Mr. Ogden was the first President, succeeded on his death by Mr. Spalding. During the first year of its operations, 745,128 tons of freight passed through the canal, and in 1892 the business amounted to 875,533 tons. In 1891 4,500 vessels (trips) passed through, and the next year the number was 5,312. Congress having passed an act to purchase the canal and make it free to all navigators, it was turned over to the United States Government in 1893.

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## HON. SAMUEL P. McCONNELL.

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**H**ON. SAMUEL PARSONS McCONNELL was born in Springfield, Illinois, July 5, 1849. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Parsons) McConnell, still reside at Springfield. James McConnell, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came from County Down, Ireland, about 1810, and engaged in the manufacture of gunpowder in New Jersey. He afterward removed to Sangamon County, Illinois, where he became an extensive farmer and wool-grower. He was one of the first to cultivate the prairie soil of Illinois, demonstrating its fertility and general advantages to his neighbors. He amassed considerable property, and died in 1867.

John McConnell was born in Madison County, New York, but went with his parents to Illinois in his youth. When the United States became involved in civil strife, he recruited a company of soldiers, and entered the military service as a Captain, rising by promotion to the rank of General. Since the close of the war he has been engaged in the insurance business in Springfield. Mrs. Elizabeth McConnell was born in Connecti-

cut, and is descended from English emigrants who located there about the middle of the seventeenth century. Her grandfather, John Parsons, was a Captain in the Continental army.

Samuel P. McConnell was educated at the Springfield High School and Lombard University at Galesburg, Illinois, graduating from the latter institution in 1871, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He read law with the firm of Stewart, Edwards & Brown, of Springfield, and was admitted to the Bar in 1873. In December of the same year, he came to Chicago, where he has since been a prominent member of the Bar, and has occupied an honorable position upon the Bench.

In 1889 he was elected a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge McAllister, and, upon the expiration of the term in 1891, he was re-elected. In 1894 he resigned this office, and resumed his private practice. He was led to take this step by the inadequacy of the salary paid a Circuit Judge. It is much to be regretted that almost any man



fitted to grace and honor the Bench is able to earn several times the salary of a Judge in private practice.

Among the most prominent cases tried before Judge McConnell may be mentioned the first Cronin trial, the case of Ross *versus* White, the Chicago City Railway Company *versus* Springer, and the receivership of the J. H. Walker Company, in which property to the amount of five millions of dollars was involved. His impartial and equitable decisions earned him the respect of attorneys, jurors and litigants, and his departure from the Bench was widely regretted.

In 1876 he was married to Miss Sarah Rogers, daughter of Judge John G. Rogers, of whom extended mention is made on other pages of this volume. Judge and Mrs. McConnell are the parents of three children, named, respectively, Julia, James and Eleanor.

From youth Judge McConnell has been a Democrat, departing from the precepts and example of his father. He has never been a candidate for

any other office than that of Judge, though repeatedly importuned by party managers to become a political leader. Among the social and fraternal associations into which he has naturally been drawn, may be mentioned the Iroquois, Literary and Waubensee Clubs. While President of the first-named organization, he took a decided position on the silver question, which was antagonistic to that of many members, and he felt it incumbent upon him to resign, but this act aroused such a strong protest in the club, that he was induced to withdraw his resignation.

He presided over the city convention which selected delegates to the State Democratic Conference, held at Springfield in June, 1895, to determine the attitude of the party on the silver issue. He was made Permanent Chairman of this conference, which wholly sustained his views upon the question at issue. In this, as in all other matters affecting public policy, he has been actuated by a desire to promote the general welfare, and without wish to occupy office.

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## REV. MINER RAYMOND, D. D., LL.D.

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REV. MINER RAYMOND, D.D., LL.D., the oldest college professor in the Methodist denomination, both in respect to age and length of service, and one of the oldest teachers of theology now living, is a resident of Evanston, and until a short time since was active in educational work, in which he had been engaged for more than sixty years. He is a native of New York City, and was born on the 29th of August, 1811. His father was Nobles Raymond, and the genealogist of this family has traced its descent from Raimonde, Count of Toulouse, France, and demonstrated that, on account of its espousal of the Huguenot faith, its members were expatriated, and some fled to Essex, England, whence

the emigration to America occurred. The Raymonds became settlers in New England, and now a host of this name, many of them prominent in commercial and educational affairs, trace their descent to the two or three who came to the colonies in very early times.

Nobles Raymond married Hannah Wood, and they became the parents of nine children, of whom Miner was the eldest. Soon after his birth his father removed with his family to the village of Rensselaerville, New York, and there the boy, when of school age, began to receive the rudiments of his education, remaining in school until twelve years of age. At that time his services were required in his father's shop, and he spent



the following six years in learning the art of making shoes, in which he became so proficient that his handiwork was second to that of no other workman in style or finish. The same rule of doing well whatever he did was as rigidly adhered to when he was a mechanic as it has been since he has held a position in the forefront of educators.

The event in his youth most far-reaching in its results on character and fortune was his conversion and union, at the age of seventeen years, with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was to be so conspicuous and honored. His father and mother were faithful adherents of that creed. For more than twenty years they were the only permanent residents of Rensselaerville who were connected with that church, and their house was ever a home for Methodist ministers. The account of the great revival at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, kindled in Miner Raymond a desire for knowledge; it was the turning-point in a great life, starting him on a new course and bringing him into intimate and helpful relations with an educational institution. Through the efforts of the Presiding Elder of the district in which he resided, he began his advanced education in the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, then the only Methodist institution of learning of any magnitude on this continent, of which only three or four were then in existence. Like many another student, he added to his limited means by the labor of his hands; and the proceeds of his work on the bench, mending the boots and shoes of his fellow-students, helped to meet the expenses incident to his education. But this did not continue long. It was soon discovered that he was endowed with the gift of teaching, and he was made assistant teacher, a position which he held for three years, while still a student in the academy. His especial faculty for elucidating the principles of arithmetic, which were then very imperfectly treated in the textbooks, led to his selection as teacher of a class of teachers, and this was the starting point of his long career as an educator.

Graduating in 1831, he was immediately made a member of the faculty, and taught in that in-

stitution with marked success for ten years. In 1833 his name appears in the catalogue as usher, and it was then he began his remarkable pedagogic labors. In 1834 he was advanced to the charge of the English department, where he labored with great success and growing popularity for four years. During this period he had been a diligent student and had delved deep into the mysteries of ancient languages, the natural, mental and moral sciences, and the higher mathematics, for which he discovered a taste and aptitude. When the degrees were conferred by the Wesleyan University upon the students he had taught at the academy, he received, in recognition of his high ability and efficient services, the honorary degree of Master of Arts. In 1838 he was promoted to the chair of mathematics, which he filled with distinction for the three years he remained as a teacher in the institution.

While yet engaged in teaching, Professor Raymond joined the New England Conference, in 1838, and three years later entered upon pastoral work. He served two years at Worcester, Massachusetts, four years at Church and Bennett Street Churches, Boston, and in 1847 went to Westfield, where he remained one year.

Upon the resignation of Robert Allyn as Principal of the Wesleyan Academy, Professor Raymond was requested by the trustees to take the position at the head of that institution. The pastorate was the ideal life work to which he was attached and for which he had educated himself, but, after mature consideration, he decided to put aside preference, and accept what he considered a call of duty, and entered upon the work with a devotion and energy that left a very deep impression upon the school at the head of which he stood.

The first two or three years of Dr. Raymond at Wilbraham were tentative and preparatory. New buildings were necessary to the success of the school, and how to get them was a problem, the solution of which demanded his full strength; but he met the difficulties and conquered where most men would have failed. In spite of debt and other obstacles, he succeeded in erecting Fisk Hall, in 1851. In the two years following

the number of pupils greatly increased, and in the year 1853 rose to over six hundred, nearly double the attendance of previous years. Through the efforts of Dr. Raymond, Binney Hall was built, in 1854. The principal building of the institution, including its dormitory and boarding apartments, was destroyed by fire two years later. Nothing daunted by this calamity, he set about obtaining the means to rebuild it in still nobler proportions, and that same year succeeded in completing a structure costing fifty thousand dollars. By the act of an incendiary, in 1857, this structure was also destroyed, but Dr. Raymond and a few brave aids rose superior to the discouragements that had beset them, obtained money by popular subscription, aroused the friends of education throughout the state, and, by petition and strong personal influence, secured legislative aid, by which means a third building, more commodious, more beautiful and more costly than its predecessors, rose upon the site of their ruins, and to-day is the chief ornament of this seat of learning, a monument to the faith and indomitable courage of Dr. Raymond.

In 1864 he was elected to the chair of systematic theology in Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois, and resigned his position at the head of the academy, which he left enjoying a high degree of prosperity. Coming to Evanston, he entered upon a work which his long experience as a teacher, ripe scholarship, and devotion to his profession have made eminently successful and gratifying in its results. For thirty-one years he filled a position in which he was eminently useful as a teacher, and during three years of that time was also pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Evanston. Soon after entering the institute, he became convinced that he was spending one-third of his time in telling the students what the meaning of the theological authors was. Then came the determination to write out his lectures and make the expression as plain as possible, so that theology might be clearly taught and readily understood. In due time appeared his "Systematic Theology," in three volumes, intended for students preparing for the Methodist ministry, which has proved to

be a very popular book. One distinguished authority is quoted as saying: "It is the strongest defense of Arminianism we have seen." Besides his pastoral work, Dr. Raymond has helped to direct the work of the church in its national councils. Six times he was elected as a delegate to the General Conferences, as follows: Pittsburgh, in 1848; Boston, in 1852; Indianapolis, in 1856; Buffalo, in 1860; Philadelphia, in 1864; and Brooklyn, in 1868.

Dr. Raymond was married, August 20, 1837, to Elizabeth Henderson, of Webster, Massachusetts, who died September 19, 1877. Five children were born of this union, all of whom are now living. Mary is the widow of Philip B. Shumway, the builder of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad, and now resides in Evanston. William is in the employ of that railroad. Samuel B. is a prominent citizen and prosperous sugar broker in Chicago. James H. is a well-known and successful patent lawyer in Chicago. Frederick D. is Secretary and Treasurer of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company.

On July 28, 1879, Dr. Raymond was united in marriage with Isabella (*nee* Hill), widow of Rev. Amos Binney. Dr. Raymond's domestic life has been a pleasant one; his house has been the dwelling-place of peace and happiness. His exemption from illness up to the past winter, and the contentment of his mind, have conspired to preserve his physical vigor, which is evidenced by the full head of hair, now of flowing whiteness, and the clear, bright eye which lends vivacity to his countenance.

Rev. David Sherman, D. D., author of the "History of the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham," has thus written of Dr. Raymond:

"His first essays in teaching reveal the born schoolmaster, destined to advance to the forefront. No one who attended his classes can ever forget his clear and forcible instructions. The principles involved in the study were seized upon and traced onward through intricate problems as in lines of light. No one could fail to see or to be carried with the demonstration. But his superiority as a teacher was not simply in the extent and accuracy of his knowledge, or even in



his ability to make truth visible; it was rather in that higher ability to develop the student and to create in him the capacity to investigate and master truth. It was not simply the amount of knowledge he communicated, it was the way he impressed himself upon other minds coming under his instruction. The man, even more than the pedagogue, was behind his utterances."

The same writer, in speaking of him as a preacher, says:

"With him religion was the main consideration, and his convictions on the subject were deep and strongly expressed. He spoke with the demonstration of the spirit and power. If his prayers and exhortations were thoughtful and intellectual, they were, at the same time, intense

and fervid, enlisting the emotions of the heart as well as the accurate formulations of the brain. \* \* \* \* Though gifted with large capacity for astute and accurate thought, he was gladly heard by the people, because his logic usually came to a white heat. To the religious people of Wilbraham he was for a quarter of a century the oracle. No other principal, certainly after Dr. Fisk, obtained so firm and enduring a hold upon the people as Miner Raymond."

What was said in those days may be repeated with emphasis concerning his labors in later years, when in the enjoyment of his full intellectual strength and the knowledge and experience gained in more than half a century of continuous mental activity.

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## JAMES McMAHON.

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**J**AMES McMAHON. Few people in Evanston are as well known, or regarded with as much sincere respect and admiration, as the subject of this notice and his excellent wife. During their residence of over thirty years in Cook County, they have been almost constantly identified with charitable and philanthropic enterprises, and have won the friendship of both rich and poor to an unusual degree.

Mr. McMahon was born at Belfast, Ireland, June 4, 1813. He is a son of Alexander McMahon and Mary Ann Douglass, both of whom were of the stanch Scotch-Irish blood which has ever been active in promoting the best interests of mankind. Alexander McMahon was the descendant of a family which had been for many generations engaged in the linen trade. Two of his brothers were extensive merchants at Belfast, Ireland, and amassed a fortune there. Alexander turned his attention to agriculture, and in 1819 came to America. After living for a time near

Watertown, New York, he removed to a farm near Kingston, Canada, upon which he resided for fifty years, departing this life in 1883, at the age of ninety-three years. He was the father of fourteen children, of whom James was the eldest. He was an honorable and thrifty business man, and accumulated a competence, in the enjoyment of which his later years were spent. He and his wife were devout Presbyterians. The latter died at Kingston, several years later than her husband.

James McMahon enjoyed excellent educational advantages, pursuing courses of study successively at Andover Academy; Cheshire Academy, at Cheshire, Connecticut; and Washington (now Trinity) College, at Hartford, Connecticut. His parents designed to fit him for the Presbyterian ministry, but, while a student at Washington College, he became converted to the Episcopal faith, and abandoned his theological studies, to their great disappointment. While a young man, he spent considerable time in travel, visiting Eu-



rope three times, and becoming quite familiar with the ways of the world and its business methods. In 1849, in company with a party of young men of his acquaintance, he went to California, by way of the Isthmus. He remained three years in that state, during which time he mined successively at Hangtown, American Valley and Big Bar, and also recovered his health, which had become considerably impaired before his departure from the East. At the last-named mines he gained a rich reward for his labors, and thence returned to the East, again making the voyage by way of the Isthmus, a regular line of steamers having been established since he first made the journey.

He landed at New Orleans, thence went to Dallas County, Alabama, where he purchased an extensive cotton plantation with a retinue of slaves, and had just established a profitable business when the Civil War broke out. On account of his political views, he found it impracticable to remain there, and in 1860 he was obliged to abandon his property and remove to the North. He located in Chicago, where he became associated with the insurance agency of Thomas B. Bryan, and continued to carry on that line of business for a number of years, representing the Mutual Life, the Mutual Benefit and the Equitable Life Insurance Companies. His business ventures were fairly successful, and he had accumulated considerable property when the great fire of 1871 visited the city. Most of what he saved from that disaster was swept away by the panic of 1873. At the latter date he moved to Evanston, and for a few years conducted a restaurant in Davis Street. Since 1882 he has filled the office of Township Supervisor, being re-elected each season without opposition. In addition to his official duties, he acts as a purchasing agent for Evanston merchants, making regular trips to Chicago in their interests.

He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and is held in the highest regard by his brethren of that order, from whom he has received many testimonials. He first joined Oriental Lodge, and is now identified with Evans Lodge, Evanston Chapter, Evanston Commandery and Oriental

Consistory, his duties as Tyler of these several bodies taking up considerable of his time.

Mr. McMahon was married, in 1865, to Martha Cornelia Converse, daughter of Samuel Augustus and Anna (Easton) Converse, of Stafford, Connecticut. Mr. Converse, who was a descendant of the French Huguenots who located in America during the Colonial period, died in Connecticut, at the extreme old age of ninety-three years. He was an influential citizen of Stafford, and a pensioner of the War of 1812. Mrs. McMahon came to Chicago in 1860, and was associated with Mrs. Mary A. Livermore in conducting the great Sanitary Fair. Mr. McMahon was also one of the promoters of this undertaking, and sold thousands of tickets in its support. Though not blessed with children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. McMahon have adopted and partially reared several children, one daughter, Harriet Wilmina, having been a member of the family from infancy. She was first married to Professor W. W. Graves, an instructor in the Northwestern University, and since his death has become the wife of Edwin O'Malley, of Chicago. Jennie, another adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McMahon, is now Mrs. Cameron, of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

When he first located in Chicago Mr. McMahon resided on the South Side, near the home of Stephen A. Douglas, who became his intimate friend. He helped to organize St. Mark's Church, on Cottage Grove Avenue, and was for some years one of its most active and influential members. He served four years as Superintendent of Trinity Mission, and he and his wife have been communicants of St. Mark's Church of Evanston since removing to that city. Previous to the Great Rebellion, he was a Democrat, but since coming to Chicago has been a consistent Republican. He is a life member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Chicago, and during the war acted as agent for the numerous Masonic charities of the city of Chicago, securing relief and transportation for many indigent members of the order belonging to the Union army. The retrospection of his long and useful life may well afford comfort and satisfaction in his declining years.

## JONATHAN CLARK.

JONATHAN CLARK, prominent among Chicago contractors and builders, was born at West Walton, in the county of Norfolk, England, May 28, 1828. His parents were William and Christina Clark, and his father died when Jonathan, the eldest of four children, was only seven years old. At the age of eight he was put to work herding sheep on the Norfolk commons and keeping the birds off the fields of grain, for which he received two shillings (fifty cents) per week. He went out to service on a farm at twelve years of age. His earnings during the last year of service he saved to pay his way to America. Previous to that time he had contributed his wages to the support of his widowed mother and his younger brothers.

On the 21st of September, 1848, Mr. Clark sailed from England, and arrived in Chicago on the 27th of November, via New York, being nearly ten weeks on the journey. He came by way of the Lakes directly to Chicago, penniless and friendless, but resolute and ready for whatever came. His first employment was hauling wood into Chicago. The winter was very severe, and he froze his feet, and, through the dishonesty of his employer, he lost his wages. In the spring of 1849 he worked six weeks for Jefferson Munson, of Downer's Grove, and then returned to Chicago and became an apprentice to P. L. Updyke and John Sollitt, with whom he spent three years, learning the trade of carpenter and joiner, and at the expiration of that time receiving the sum of \$200 for his services. He spent six months as a journeyman, and then began contracting on his own account, and was successful, accumulat-

ing money from the start. By saving his earnings, he was able to pay his brother's passage to America in 1849, and in 1850 the two brought over the remainder of the family.

In 1860, in company with his brother, Mr. Clark went overland to Denver, where they fitted up the first express building and the post-office. After spending the summer there, they returned in the fall by team, as they had gone. On the Platte River Mr. Clark's horse was stolen, and while trying to recover it, he traveled on foot in the night, and was surrounded by wolves, barely escaping with his life. The thief was captured, and Mr. Clark's companions wanted to try him, but as that meant conviction and hanging, he refused to allow it, and the offender was permitted to accompany the outfit to Omaha, and to go unpunished. In 1867 Mr. Clark was appointed by Gov. Oglesby to superintend the construction of Illinois buildings at the Paris Exposition. There the United States Government, recognizing his worth, secured his services in the Department of Works, and appointed him assistant to the Superintendent of the American portion of the exposition. Before returning to the United States, he visited his old home and portions of Switzerland and Germany.

During the years he was engaged in contracting, Mr. Clark did an immense business, and erected many residences, stores and business houses. Among them were the Bowen Block, McCormick Hall Block, Kingsburg Music Hall, Kingsburg Block, the Chicago Water Works, Bigelow Hotel, the Young Men's Christian Association building and Academy of Design, the



Brother Jonathan building and the First National Bank building. The reconstruction of the Chicago Water Works was the first job he did after the fire, and the embers were still hot when he began work on it. The Bigelow Hotel occupied the site of the present postoffice, and disappeared in the great fire. Mr. Clark was both builder and owner of the Academy of Design, which was the first building ever erected in Chicago for a fine-arts exhibit.

In 1852 Mr. Clark married Miss Alice Sarde-son, a native of Lincolnshire, England, but then a resident of Chicago. Of the marriage, five children were born and all are now living in Chicago. They are: Euna, the wife of Shea Smith, of Shea Smith & Co.; F. W.; George T.; Retta M., now the wife of Dr. Kauffman, of Chicago; and J. Y. The sons F. W. and G. T. are members of the firm of Jonathan Clark & Sons Co., contractors, who have erected many buildings, notable among which are the Art Institute and the Government buildings at Ft. Sheridan. The senior member of

this firm is not now actively connected with the company, but is employed in erecting and managing buildings, of which he has about a score, built on ground held on ninety-nine-year leases.

Mr. Clark is a Republican, a member of the Union League and Sunset Clubs, and a Thirty-second Degree Mason, in which order he has held many high offices. He attends, but is not a member of, Dr. Thomas' Church. In his later years he has traveled largely through the United States, including the Pacific Coast and Florida. He has a fruit farm and an elegant residence at Fruitland Park, in the latter State.

Jonathan Clark is numbered among the men who have made Chicago, and given it the character which it bears. Through trials, by perseverance and an honest course, he has risen to prominent place in the city which he has made his residence for almost half a century, and where he is an honored citizen, who bears his years with dignity, and grows old gracefully in the midst of a large circle of devoted friends.

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## GEORGE GRANGER CUSTER.

**G**EORGE GRANGER CUSTER, who is now serving as Auditor of the City Board of Education, was born on the 6th of December, 1838, in Sanford, Edgar County, Illinois. His father's ancestors bore the name of Granger, and came from England to America, locating in Connecticut. His father was a physician, and in Newark, Ohio, married Nancy Link. His death occurred at the early age of twenty-eight years, and soon after our subject, then a child of six months, was taken for adoption by Isaac D. Custer, of Terre Haute, Indiana, whose name he then assumed. He found in his foster-father a kind-hearted and liberal man, who could not have

treated an own son with more kindness and consideration. The maternal ancestors of the subject of this sketch were of French origin, and on emigrating to the New World settled in Fredericksburg, Virginia, about the middle of the eighteenth century. From there the maternal grandfather with his family removed about the year 1825 to Newark, Ohio.

When George was a child of six years, the Custer family removed to St. Louis, Missouri, and for five years he attended Wyman's private school. Soon after he accompanied his father on a trip to California, where they remained for one year. Mr. Custer went to the West to see the



country, and took his adopted son on account of his poor health. The result of the trip proved the wisdom of the father, as the son became a strong, hearty boy, and now enjoys a vigorous manhood. He made the journey across the plains on horseback, leaving St. Louis on the 4th of April, 1850, on the steamboat "Princeton," and arriving at old Ft. Kearney, Nebraska, fifteen days later. There they remained until the early part of May, when, the grass having grown sufficiently to furnish feed for horses and mules, they resumed their journey. They were eighty-six days in making the trip from the Missouri River to Hangtown, now Placerville, California. Their next resting-place was Sacramento, from whence they went to San Francisco. They suffered the usual hardships and privations incident to the trip across the plains in days of the gold excitement, being sometimes for days with very small rations of food, and only water sufficient to moisten the lips; but, notwithstanding, no illness fell to the lot of father or son during the trip to and from California. Mr. Custer had no mining experiences, for he was then too young to dig for gold. After a sojourn of a few months in California, he returned home, by way of the Isthmus, stopping on the way at the island of Jamaica and in New York City, from whence he came West, by way of the Hudson River to Albany, thence to Buffalo by rail, by lake to Chicago, by canal to La Salle, and on the steamer "Robert Fulton" to St. Louis.

Mr. Custer then attended Jones' College until eighteen years of age, and resided in St. Louis until 1854, when the family removed to a farm near Davenport, Iowa. In the fall of 1855, he returned to St. Louis and accepted a position as assistant book-keeper in the retail grocery house of Ellis & Hutton, at that time the largest establishment of the kind in the city. In the summer following he returned to Davenport and entered the employ of Thomas H. McGee, wholesale grocer, as chief clerk and book-keeper, and in the spring of 1857 took charge of the office of the Burtis House, then the best-equipped hotel west of Chicago. After a few months he was taken sick and returned to the farm, where he remained until coming to Chicago, in April, 1862.

In the mean time Mr. Custer was married. On the 4th of October, 1860, he wedded Miss Sarah Ann Kelly, of Davenport. The lady was born in Mt. Carmel, near Cincinnati, Ohio, September 7, 1842. Her father, Daniel C. Kelly, a native of Cincinnati, is now living in Davenport, Iowa, where the foster-father of this subject also resides. They are aged respectively eighty and eighty-three years, and still active and in good health. Four children have been born to Mr. Custer and his wife: Tillie, who is now the wife of Robert J. Clark, and has one child; Hattie Winchell, wife of William G. R. Bell; Sadie Belle; and George G.

On leaving the farm in Iowa, Mr. Custer came to Chicago and accepted a position as assistant commercial reporter on the *Morning Post*, edited by J. W. Sheahan, with which he was connected for a year. He then entered the employ of Hobbs, Oliphant & Co., commission merchants, and at the end of three years started in business for himself as a member of the firm of Olcott, Lash & Co., in the same line of business. This venture proved unsuccessful, on account of the credit given country customers. Mr. Custer then engaged in the brokerage business, but during the great fire again met with losses, after which he spent three years with Hall & Winch, sash and door manufacturers. He then returned to the Board of Trade, and was quite successful in business for several years, but at length lost his fortune in a "big corner."

At that time Mr. Custer left the city, removing to Nevada, Illinois, where he took charge of an elevator owned by A. M. Wright & Co. On his return in 1880, he accepted a position with James H. Drake & Co., commission merchants, with whom he remained for a year and a-half, when failing health forced him to abandon that work. Farm life had previously proved beneficial, and he again resorted to that cure, carrying on agricultural pursuits until his health was restored. Once more he entered the employ of Hall & Winch, with whom he continued until the death of the junior partner, when the business was closed out. He was then with the firm of Garvey & Jenkinson until they retired from business.

In May, 1886, Mr. Custer became Auditor of

the Board of Education, and has been unanimously re-elected since that time. He was the candidate for the office of Assessor of West Chicago, on the Democratic ticket, in 1871, but never sought political preferment, although he took an active part in politics in early life. He is known as a conservative Democrat. Socially, he is connected with the Royal Arcanum and the Royal League, and is the First Vice-President of the California Pioneers. In early life he joined the Baptist Church, but as its doctrines were not in accordance with his broad and liberal views, he

joined the Third Unitarian Church, and was, until his removal from the West to the South Side, one of its active and respected members. He is socially inclined, possessed of a genial nature and pleasant disposition. He is popular among his acquaintances, and is one who makes and retains friends. He possesses a sanguine temperament, is an energetic worker and not easily discouraged. Fond of home and family, he is true to those who rely upon him, and his faithfulness and sterling worth have won him warm regard.

## WILLIAM WEST.

**W**ILLIAM WEST, one of the enterprising citizens of Cook County, now successfully engaged in farming on section 30, Niles Township, is numbered among the early settlers of the State, having come to Illinois with his parents in 1836. He is a native of Yorkshire, England, born on the 21st of June, 1814. His father, James West, was born in Shipton, England, in 1768, and died in the fall of 1838, two years after his emigration to America. His wife bore the maiden name of Jane Hodgen, and was a daughter of Thomas Hodgen, a shoe-maker of Great Husband, England. As above stated, James West, accompanied by his family, bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America in the good ship "Sylvenus Jenkins," which brought him to New York after an uneventful voyage of thirty-one days. He was detained in New York quite a while on account of the sickness of a relative, John Dewes, but at length resumed his journey and traveled toward the setting sun until he reached Cook County. He became the first settler of Jefferson Township, and it was his intention to purchase a claim as

soon as the land came into market, but death frustrated his plans.

William West pre-empted a quarter-section of land in Jefferson Township, on which he resided until 1856, when he came to Niles Township, his present home. One of the most important events of his life occurred in 1843, when was celebrated his marriage with Mrs. Isabella Mosley, a daughter of John Kendel, who was a native of Yorkshire, England, and a farmer by occupation. Mrs. West was born in Yorkshire, December 18, 1821, and died January 28, 1864. Their union was blessed with four sons and five daughters, and five of the number are still living, namely: William, who was born June 11, 1850, and now resides in Chicago; Mary Jane, who was born April 27, 1852, and is the wife of Robert Robinson, of Avondale; Isabella E., who was born August 27, 1857, and is the wife of John Proctor, a resident of Arlington Heights; Martha Ann, who was born February 20, 1860, is the widow of Emil Haag, and resides in Niles; and Edward, who was born January 18, 1864, and is now engaged in the flour and feed business in Chicago.



In 1866, Mr. West was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Frances Ollinger, who is now deceased.

Mr. West cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison and has voted at each Presidential election since that time. He now affiliates with the Democracy, but from 1860 until 1892 supported the Republican candidates. He received no special advantages in life, his school privileges being

obtained previous to his tenth year, and his education from that time was acquired through contact with the world. He had no capital or influential friends to aid him in business, and the success which has crowned his efforts is the just reward of his own labors. As a citizen he is public-spirited and progressive and devoted to the best interests of the community, and by those who know him he is highly respected.

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## JOHN D. TOBEY.

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JOHN DILLON TOBEY, who is doing an extensive business as a dealer in hay and grain in Chicago, was born at Worth Station, Cook County, on the 3d of September, 1859, and is a son of Wales and Elizabeth Tobey, who are represented on another page of this work. He spent his early boyhood days upon his father's farm, and acquired his education in the district school of the neighborhood and in the High School of Blue Island. At the age of seventeen he left home with \$2.85 in his pocket. From that time he has made his own way in the world unaided, and the success he has achieved is therefore due entirely to his own efforts. He began work as a farm hand, receiving \$15 per month in compensation for his services. With his first season's wages he bought a half-interest in a threshing-machine, and the following winter started a hay press.

Fifteen months after leaving home, Mr. Tobey had accumulated \$3,300, besides a hay-press, teams, etc. In connection with his other work he also did road contracting in Worth Township. For one year after coming to Chicago he was in the employ of Nelson Morris & Co., buying supplies of feed for the stock. Since 1886 he has engaged in his present business as a dealer in hay and grain at No. 309 Twenty-sixth Street. He al-

so handles ice. His business has steadily increased in volume, until it has now assumed extensive proportions, and on the 1st of June, 1894, the J. D. Tobey Hay and Grain Company was incorporated. Of this Mr. Tobey is president and general manager. For some years he has been the best known dealer in his line on the south side and is now the largest retail dealer in the United States. He also deals in city real estate and farm property, and has invested to some extent in western lands.

On the 10th of September, 1885, Mr. Tobey was united in marriage with Miss Clara M. Burt. The lady is a native of Westport, Essex County, N. Y., and is a daughter of Alvin Burt. Their union has been blessed with one child, Gracie. They also lost two sons who died in infancy within two weeks of each other.

Mr. Tobey takes considerable interest in civic societies, and is a member of Golden Rule Lodge No. 726, A. F. & A. M.; a life member of Chicago Commandery No. 19, K. T.; and also belongs to Medinah Temple and the Mystic Shrine; to Acacia Club; to America Lodge No. 271, K. P.; Longfellow Lodge No. 708, R. A.; George B. McClellan Council of the National Union; Chicago Heavy-Weight Base Ball Club, the Sudseite Turngemeinde, and several other social and



insurance orders. He votes with the Republican party, but has never sought or desired political preferment, in fact has several times refused public office. Physically, Mr. Tobey is the picture

of health and strength. He is of a social, genial nature, and is a gentleman of rare business ability, having attained success through good judgment, ready decision and energetic determination.

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## ALEXANDER McDANIEL.

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ALEXANDER McDANIEL, of Wilmette, is now living a retired life, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He has for many years resided in Cook County, and is so widely and favorably known that he needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume. This work would be incomplete without the record of his life, which is as follows: He was born February 13, 1815, in Bath, Steuben County, New York, and is a son of Daniel McDaniél, who was of Scotch descent, but was born in the State of New York and made farming his life work. He married Rachel Taner, a lady who was born and reared in the Mohawk Valley, and was a descendant of the Mohawk Dutch. They became the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters.

Alexander McDaniel is the eldest son. The days of his boyhood and youth were spent in his parents' home and he became familiar with all the duties of farm life. He aided in the cultivation of the old homestead until he had attained his majority, when he started out for himself, and, leaving the East upon the tide of emigration which was steadily moving westward, he came to Chicago, arriving in this city on the 27th of May, 1836. Here he worked until the 14th of August, when he went to New Trier Township, spending several days looking up lands on the Ouilmette Indian reservation. He then returned to Chicago, where he continued until October, when he again came to New Trier Township, and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of Government land where

the town of Winnetka now stands. The land in the reservation had not then been surveyed. Mr. McDaniel deposited the price of the property with the Government agent until it should be surveyed and placed upon the market, which was four years later. He built a log cabin, one of the first four houses which stood between Chicago and the present site of Winnetka, and there he kept bachelor's hall for four years. The only neighbors he had for the first year, except Erastus Patterson, were Indians, and he was the only young man in that locality. Speaking of the Indians, he said the Ouilmettes were quite enlightened and good neighbors, always being peaceable. Mr. McDaniel purchased three forty-acre tracts of land, paying the usual price of \$1.25 per acre, and forty at twenty shillings per acre. Upon this land a part of the town of Evanston now stands. When he first came to Cook County there were only three small log cabins north of Chicago, and many of the now thriving villages and cities had not sprung into existence, while the work of progress and civilization seemed hardly begun.

On the 27th of November, 1842, an important event in the life of Mr. McDaniel occurred, his marriage with Miss Emeline Huntoon. The lady was born in Champlain, New York, March 11, 1824, and is a daughter of George W. and Lucinda (Bowler) Huntoon, whose family numbered ten children. The father was a ship carpenter, and was born in Vermont, December 9, 1791. The mother was born January 9, 1796. With their family they came to Cook County in 1840,

settling on the present site of South Evanston. Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel became the parents of six children. Jane, who was the wife of William H. Kinney, Postmaster of Wilmette, is now deceased; Ellen, widow of A. B. Balcum, resides with her parents; Charles, who enlisted at the age of sixteen and served three years in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, is now a carpenter and contractor of Wilmette; George is interested in mining in Colorado; Henry is a policeman of Wilmette; and William Grant is a fireman on the North-Western Railroad.

Mr. McDaniel exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party. His first vote was cast on the 4th of May, 1837, for William B. Odgen, first mayor of Chicago, and his first presidential vote supported William Henry Harrison. Soon after the village of Wilmette was started, he was appointed the first Postmaster, holding the office for nineteen successive years, when he resigned in favor of Mr. Kinney, the present incumbent. He has never sought or desired po-

litical preferment, his time and attention being largely occupied by his business interests. His wife, a most estimable lady, holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and takes an active part in its work and upbuilding. For twenty-six years Mr. McDaniel has been a resident of Wilmette. His first home at this place, located on Center Avenue, was the fourth house built in the town, and in it he resided for twenty-three years. In 1891, he erected a more substantial and modern dwelling on the same street, and there spends his declining days. He has witnessed almost the entire growth and development of the county, the best interests of the community ever find in him a friend, and his hearty support and co-operation are given to those enterprises which are calculated to advance the general welfare. His sterling worth and strict integrity have made him a leading citizen of the community and one well worthy of representation in this volume.

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## WILLIAM R. DERBY.

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**W**ILLIAM R. DERBY, who was for many years prominently identified with the history of this community, was numbered among the honored pioneer settlers, having become a resident of Cook County in 1834. He was born in Dorset, Bennington County, Vermont, on the 17th of March, 1805, and was a son of Sylvester Derby, whose birth occurred in the same locality in 1780. In 1816 the father removed with his family to Genesee County, New York, where he remained until his death, which occurred at the ripe old age of ninety years.

William Derby spent the first sixteen years of his life at his parents' home, and then began to learn the trade of a wool carder and dresser, which he

followed for nine years. He later engaged in the hotel business for nearly two years, and in 1834 he emigrated westward to try his fortunes on the broad prairies of Illinois. He settled on section 34, township 37, range 11, about three miles southeast of the village of Lemont. At that time there were only two houses between Joliet and Chicago. The latter place was a small village, and the most far-sighted could not have dreamed of the prominence and importance which were to make it the metropolis of the West and one of the important cities of the world. Mr. Derby had for neighbors a brother-in-law, Jeremiah Luther, Orange Chauncy and Joshua Smith, all natives of Vermont except Mr. Luther, who



was born in New York. When Mr. Derby came to Cook County he had a span of horses, harness and wagon, some household effects and \$40 in money. He disposed of his team in order to pay for his land when it came into market, and he was thus enabled to purchase one hundred and forty acres. It was wild land, but with characteristic energy he began its development, and in course of time transformed it into a fertile farm. He built a log house, in which he lived for about twenty-five years, and then erected a two-story brick residence, which he made his home until 1879, when he sold his farm (then containing two hundred acres) and removed to Lemont.

Mr. Derby was married on the 28th of June, 1830, in Castile, New York, to Miss Eliza N. Luther. Together they traveled life's journey for about half a century. On the 5th of April, 1880, Mrs. Derby was called to the home beyond. She was beloved by all who knew her and her friends were many. By their marriage were born four children, of whom two are now living. Sylvester L., the elder, was born in Castile, New York, September 18, 1836, and at a very early age was brought to Lemont, where he has since made his home. He graduated from the high school of Chicago, and during his early business career followed farming, but in 1879 he disposed of his land and removed to Lemont, where he embarked in the lumber trade, and also in the manufacture of lumber in Michigan. His standing as a business man is above reproach. His systematic methods, his enterprise and his fair and honorable dealing have gained him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He enjoys a liberal patronage, and has a well-equipped lumber-yard. On the 24th of September, 1855, he was married to Charlotte D. Russell, of Dover, New Hampshire, and to them were born five children, four yet living, namely: Mrs. Ida E. Brown, Sylvester O., O. R. and J. A. L. The three sons are associated with their father in the lumber trade. They are thorough business men, of sterling integrity, and the firm is one of prominence in the community.

Sylvester L. Derby has been honored with several offices of trust, the duties of which have ever been discharged with promptness and fidelity. In politics he is a Republican. In 1892 he was President of the Illinois Retail Lumber Dealers' Association. Although he is now nearing his sixtieth birthday, he is still hale and hearty as a young man of twenty-five, and is recognized as one of the leading citizens of Lemont.

John T. Derby, the younger son of William R. Derby, was born in Lemont, October 29, 1840, acquired his early education in a log schoolhouse at Gooding's Grove and later was graduated from Castile University. He began life as a school teacher in the town of Palos, Cook County, and for several years continued teaching in Cook and Will Counties. He studied law with Judge J. P. Atwood, of Chicago, where he was admitted to the Bar, and in 1873 was chosen Assistant County Superintendent of Schools under George D. Plant, which position he held until the close of Mr. Plant's official term. He was the first City Attorney of Lemont, and was a member of its first Board of Education. On the 7th of May, 1862, was celebrated his marriage with Clara H. Dakin, of Millerton, Dutchess County, New York, and by their union were born three children, of whom Nettie E. and Edward D. are now living. Mrs. Derby died February 1, 1885, and in 1886 Mr. Derby married Miss Abbie E. Jones, of Du Page, Will County, Illinois. He is at present engaged in the practice of law, and is a radical temperance man, who supports by his ballot the Prohibition party.

William R. Derby, whose name heads this record, was an advocate of Democratic principles and was often called to office by his fellow-townsmen. He served as Supervisor, was also Justice of the Peace for five years, was Township Treasurer sixteen years and Township Clerk for several years. In these various offices he was ever true and faithful. All who knew him respected him for his upright life and straightforward dealings and for a public and private career which were alike above reproach.



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*J. H. Stevens M.D.*

## JOHN VOSBURGH STEVENS, M. D.

JOHN V. STEVENS is a native of New York, born at Lysander, Onondaga County, November 23, 1851, the son of George B. and Sarah (Kellogg) Stevens. His paternal grandfather was of English descent, and came to this country before the Revolutionary War, his maternal grandfather being also of an old family and of Holland-Dutch extraction.

When he was very young his parents removed to Cook County, Illinois, where they remained about four years. The health of the mother becoming precarious, the family returned to New York, to Oswego County, where she died in 1858, leaving a daughter seven months old, who grew to womanhood, and died in Wisconsin in 1883.

After his mother's death, the subject of this sketch was left largely to the care of his grandmother and mother's sister. During his early boyhood he attended regularly the public school and also received considerable benefit from study at home. Later he entered the academy at Mexico, New York, an institution of high grade, and made such good use of his opportunities that he succeeded in passing the regents' examination, which entitled successful contestants to admission to any college in the State in 1866. While still in his teens, young Stevens found his health giving away under continued and close application to study, and on the advice of the family physician to seek an outdoor life for him, his father again came to Illinois, in 1866, settling near Barrington, in Cook County, having in the same year married, this time to his former wife's youngest sister, Frances Kellogg.

Here for four years the young man remained with his parents, attending school and pursuing his studies at home, at the end of which time, or when about eighteen years of age, he obtained a teacher's certificate in Lake County, and in the winter of 1870 taught his first term of school with success. In February of the following year he came to Chicago and engaged in bookkeeping, but soon bought out an interest in a grocery and crockery store on the North Side, and was beginning to see good business prospects ahead when the great fire of October, 1871, swept away the store and all its contents. Without a dollar, young Stevens returned to Lake County soon after the fire and again taught school during the winter term. Soon after the conclusion of his school he became the agent of the American Express Company at Barrington, and on January 1, 1873, was transferred to the messenger service of the company at Green Bay, Wisconsin, in which service he remained until the following June, when he resigned to engage in a business of his own at Green Bay, and in which he continued with varying fortunes until 1876.

In the latter year he returned to Illinois and engaged in teaching in McHenry County. With the exception of the following year, spent as a bookkeeper in Chicago, Mr. Stevens continued in the work of teaching until 1883, most of the time in the high schools of Libertyville and Wauconda. He had long cherished the desire to enter the medical profession, and now, seeing his way clear, he left his position at Wauconda in the fall of 1883 and, coming to Chicago, entered Ben-



nett Medical College, where he was a close student, and in March, 1885, graduated with much credit to himself.

His attainments were evidently appreciated, for upon graduation he was offered a professor's chair in the college. This he declined, however, preferring to enter upon the exclusive practice of his profession, for which a good opportunity offered in partnership with an old-established physician in Wisconsin, with whom he remained for two years. The partnership was then dissolved, and Dr. Stevens continued an independent practice in the same location for over six years, during which time he built up a large practice and became well and favorably known by the profession throughout the State. While here he became President and later the Secretary for two years, of the State Eclectic Medical Society of Wisconsin, and was prominent in all its affairs, being Chairman for three years of their Committee on Medical Legislation.

In 1891 Dr. Stevens returned to Chicago and was elected to the chair of Diseases of Children in Bennett Medical College, his *alma mater*, to which was added in the following year Clinical Medicine, both of which positions he still holds, and in which he has made an excellent record. In 1891 he was elected Corresponding Secretary of the National Eclectic Medical Association, and now serves in that capacity, having been re-elected annually ever since. He was also Secretary of the World's Eclectic Medical Congress, held in Chicago in June, 1893, in connection with the World's Fair. The other eleven members of the Executive Committee, as well as the general officers of the congress, ascribe a great part of the success of the congress to his untiring efforts for the previous nine months in securing papers and a very large attendance and making all necessary arrangements.

The Doctor is also on the medical staff of Bennett Hospital, attending physician at the Willie Hipp and Bennett Free Dispensaries for children and the Evanston Emergency Hospital.

Dr. Stevens is a member both of the Wisconsin

and the Illinois State Eclectic Societies, of the National Eclectic Medical Association, and of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association. In addition to his other duties he edits and publishes *The Annual of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery*, a publication of recognized merit. It is a royal-octavo book of five hundred pages, published each year, and containing the meritorious papers read at the different State societies at their annual sessions.

The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity and has taken much interest in the various degrees, from the Blue Lodge, of which he is a Past Master, to the Commandery of Knights Templar, of which he is a member. He is also an Odd Fellow, a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and of other fraternal orders, in all of which he is popular. In his religious associations Dr. Stevens is a Methodist and an active worker in the church of which he is a member at his Evanston home, although his sympathies and his benefactions extend beyond the boundaries of his own church. In his political affiliations he is an all-around Republican, as regards national and State affairs, and for good men only, whatever the party, in the control of local affairs.

Dr. Stevens was married in 1873 to Miss Gertie Wood, of Lake County, Illinois, of an excellent and well-known family there. Mrs. Stevens has not only proved to be an excellent wife and devoted mother, but is known outside the family circle for her many virtues. They have three children, a daughter named Edith G., aged sixteen, and two bright boys, aged six and eight, and named respectively Clark Jay and Karl I. Personally, Dr. Stevens is a fine-looking, well-preserved gentleman, whose genial face is a correct index to a generous heart and a naturally refined nature. He easily makes and keeps friends, and is uniformly regarded as a welcome addition to any social circle. He has fine literary tastes, and, so far as his professional duties will allow, finds pleasant companionship among his books.

## CALVIN T. HOOD, A. M., M. D.

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**C**ALVIN TODD HOOD, A. M., M. D. The remarkable professional career of Dr. Hood illustrates the benefit of good blood and breeding, supplemented by thorough preparation and intelligent application. The grandfather of Dr. Hood, Archie Hood, was a remarkable man of his time, descended from the early English settlers of Raleigh, North Carolina, and being distantly related to the noted Confederate, Gen. Hood. He was tall and stately, measuring six feet and four inches in height, without his boots, and was very intelligent and active. He was what is often called a "natural bone-setter," and though he never studied medicine or surgery, was called upon by people for forty miles around to set broken bones, which he did with success. He was straight as an arrow at his death, which occurred in 1872, at the age of seventy-two. He had three wives, the first of whom, Mary Walker, was the mother of his children. He built the first gristmill constructed by English-speaking people in the Mississippi Valley. This was at Elkhorn Prairie, Washington County, Illinois.

Samuel Gordon, maternal grandfather of Dr. Hood, was also of English lineage, and opened the first store and blacksmith shop at Kaskaskia after it became a modern settlement. He also built and operated the first mill for extracting oil from castor beans, one of the principal early products of that region. He stood six feet seven inches, and was a famous Indian fighter, winning many a contest with his red neighbors in the early days of Kaskaskia, and participating, as well, in the Blackhawk War. When the bell brought out by the French to Kaskaskia blew down and was cracked in a storm, he bargained to repair it, in consideration of the gift of a clock made in Paris in 1672 and brought to Illinois the next year. The case was destroyed in a subsequent fire, but

the works are still preserved by Mr. Gordon's daughter, the mother of Dr. Hood.

Archie Hood had eight children, seven of whom grew up and are still living, being residents of Illinois. James, the third child, married Nellie A., daughter of Samuel Gordon, and settled at Sparta, Illinois, where he engaged many years in mercantile business, and where he still resides, being in the sixty-fourth year of his age, his business being continued by his son, one of the most active and enterprising citizens of that region. Rev. John Hood, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Galesburg, is another of the sons of Archie Hood. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Knox College, of which body he has been President.

Mrs. Nellie A. Hood is a graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio, a woman of cultivated tastes and intellectual attainments, and her influence in forming the character and directing the studies of her sons (only one of whom displayed any taste for business, the others being in professional life) has been powerful and lasting.

The subject of this biography is the eldest of a family comprising four sons and a daughter. He was born at Sparta, Randolph County, this State, on the nation's eighty-sixth-birthday anniversary, July 4, 1862. At a very early age he began assisting in his father's store, in the intervals between school days. He graduated from the local high school, and before the age of sixteen began the study of medical science, which he continued for five years, under the tutelage of Dr. David S. Booth, a widely-known physician of Sparta. He attended Princeton (New Jersey) College and the University of Michigan, where he was Clinical Assistant. After teaching school a year, during which time he continued his medical studies, he came to Chicago, March 17, 1884, and entered



the spring term of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. In February of the following year he took his degree from this institution and at once began practice. In September of the same year he entered the Chicago Homœopathic College, from which he was graduated in February, 1886. Ever since that time he has enjoyed a steadily growing practice. He occupies an office in the Marshall Field Building, where he is found forenoons, making a specialty of mental and nervous diseases, in the treatment of which he has achieved a remarkable success. He is constantly driven with the applications of patients in the vicinity of his home office on West Adams Street.

In 1887, only a year after completing his medical courses, he was elected Professor of Physiology and Pathology of the American Dental College, in which he continued to lecture five years. In 1889 he began lecturing on Electro-Therapeutics in the Chicago Homœopathic College, and a year later was made Associate Professor of Mental and Nervous Diseases in the same institution, and has fulfilled the duties of that chair ever since. He is also Assistant Business Manager of this institution, and has had entire charge of the buildings and appurtenances for the last four years.

Dr. Hood is a man of wonderful vitality and remarkably strong physique. If he were not, he certainly could not perform one-half the work which he has been performing for many years. For a man of his comparative youth he is carrying large responsibilities, with credit to himself and

the institutions with which he is identified. He is a member of the Illinois Homœopathic Society, the Chicago Academy of Physicians and Surgeons and the American Institute of Homœopathy. He is a member of the official board of the Western Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, and, while not in any sense a politician, adheres from principle to the Republican party in matters of public policy.

On the 1st of September, 1886, Dr. Hood married Miss Ethel May Barker, a native of Nunda, New York, and a daughter of O. W. and Mary (Swain) Barker, of old and long-lived American families. Mrs. Hood's parents reside on a farm near Nunda, where she was reared. Having fitted herself by a course of study, she became one of the first trained nurses employed at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, where she first met the Doctor. They have two daughters, namely: Grace Gordon, born on the anniversary of her father's birth, in 1887, and Ethel May, born March 5, 1890.

Those who meet Dr. Hood, either socially or professionally, are at once impressed with his manly bearing, his kindly courtesy and his cultured intellect. In the midst of his multifarious duties he always has time to pass a pleasant word with any one who may have occasion to call upon him, and his presence in the community is a blessing, for his personality, as well as his professional skill, carries an elevating and restorative power.

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## RHUEL H. CHAMBERLIN.

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**R**HUEL HAMPTON CHAMBERLIN, formerly Superintendent of the Illinois Division of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, was born in Mendham, Morris County, New

Jersey, in 1826. When quite young, he was taken by his parents to Milton, Pennsylvania, where they remained about two years. They then removed to Pottsville, in the same State, and from



there to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where they stayed about three years. After that the family moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where Rhuel attended the common school for four years. Later he was at a boarding-school at Lititz, Pennsylvania, in which town he also attended school under the tuition of Mr. J. Beck for about eighteen months. The family then moving to Philadelphia, he remained there about six years, and at the age of sixteen was apprenticed to a Mr. Brewer in the chair-making business. When, however, he had been for two years with Mr. Brewer, his parents moved to New York City, and he went with them. He there went under the instructions of William Walling and finished his trade.

After learning this business, Mr. Chamberlin went to Troy, New York, and worked for W. L. Adams, but being in ill health while there he returned to New York City. After his recuperation he went back to Troy, and there, making a contract with Burge & Bros., who were the proprietors of a chair factory on Adams Street, he remained until their factory was burned down, about two years later. After this he went to New York City and engaged in the chair busi-

ness. Being unfortunate in this enterprise he failed, but paid all his debts in full, owing no one at the time of shutting down his factory. He then accepted an offer made by Burge & Bros., who had rebuilt their factory at Troy. From there he again went to New York City, and secured a position on the Third Avenue City Railway as conductor when it first opened. He stayed on that road three years, and later was on the Delaware Division of the New York & Erie Railroad as head brakeman, under Supt. Hugh Riddle. Here he remained one year, and then for about four years was conductor on an extra freight train. After this, in the year 1873, he was made passenger conductor on the New York & Oswego Midland Railroad, remaining there until June, 1874. In November he went to Chicago to take a position as passenger conductor on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. On January 1, 1878, he was appointed Superintendent of the Illinois Division of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Chamberlin is a member of Port Jervis Lodge No. 328, Delta Chapter No. 191, and Delaware Commandery No. 44, K. T., of Port Jervis.

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## REV. CANDIDUS KOZLOWSKI.

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REV. CANDIDUS KOZLOWSKI, Rector of the Polish Church at Lemont, was born on the 25th day of March, 1836, in the city of Warsaw, Poland. His father was Andreas and his mother Josepha (Majewska) Kozlowski, natives of the same city. Andreas Kozlowski was a captain in the French army, and served under Napoleon I. in Spain, in 1806, and in the European War of 1812. He was a valiant soldier, and fought for what he considered the interests of Poland. He lived to the age of seventy-six years, dying in 1852. He was married three

times (the second wife being the mother of the subject of this biography), and was the father of twenty-one children. Josepha Kozlowski was the mother of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, only three of whom are now living, the subject of this sketch being the only one in America.

The father of Andreas, Adalbert Kozlowski, was also a soldier, and served in the Polish army, having witnessed the coronation of the last king of Poland and given him his unswerving adhesion. He was a man of more than ordinary means, a

landed proprietor, and owner of tenement houses in Warsaw. He lived to be upwards of eighty years old, and died in 1847.

Candidus Kozlowski is a man of rare education and attainments, and used his best and most strenuous efforts for the liberation of his native land from Russian rule. He was educated in his native city, and in 1863 became a leader in the revolutionary movement which resulted in the complete subjugation of the Polish patriots, and the execution of a large number of their leaders—including hundreds of the friends and relatives of Mr. Kozlowski. With a handful of men, numbering less than a hundred, he fought his way through to the Austrian frontier, where he was warmly received by the populace and Austrian common soldiers, who applauded his bravery and assisted his escape toward Italy. He is still under the ban of a Russian death sentence, and dare not return to the dominions of the Czar.

In the latter part of the year 1863, at Bologna, Italy, he was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Church. After he took holy orders, he became a traveler and visited many countries, including the greater portion of Europe and parts of Asia and Africa. He came to the United

States in 1872, and established a church at Cincinnati. He purchased a Lutheran Church, which he converted into a Catholic institution, and christened it St. Stanislaus. About a year later, he returned to Europe and revisited many of the countries in which he had previously traveled. In 1874 he became a permanent resident of America, and took charge of a parish at La Salle, Illinois, where he remained seven years. After a visit in Europe, he was rector of St. Josaphat Church in Chicago for five years, and has been for the last five years in his present charge. His parish comprises four hundred families, and the school in connection numbers three hundred and fifty pupils.

Father Kozlowski's liberal education and wide travels have made him a cosmopolite in ideas, a practical man in business, a genial gentleman and an able priest. As a recreation, he gives considerable attention to the study of astronomy, and is the possessor of a fine telescope, which he purchased at the Paris Exposition, and on which he was obliged to pay a duty of \$42. He is loved and respected by his people and the entire community, and is one of the most valuable of the country's adopted citizens.

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## MENZO RUSSELL.

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**M**ENZO RUSSELL, a farmer residing on section 22, Northfield Township, has the honor of being a native of Cook County, his birth having occurred in the township which is still his home, February 17, 1839. He is the only child of Jacob and Eliza (Rhines) Russell, both of whom were natives of Sharon, Schoharie County, New York. His mother was a daughter of Henry Rhines, a shoemaker and farmer. In 1834 Jacob and Eliza Russell emigrated to Cook County, Illinois, arriving in Chicago with a capital of \$6.

The father first engaged in burning charcoal about four miles from the city, and in this way secured enough money to purchase a team, with which to engage in farming. He settled on section 22, Northfield Township, where he still makes his home, residing with his son Menzo. He became the possessor of three hundred acres of good land, and may truly be called a self-made man. He has borne all the hardships and experiences of frontier life, and is familiar with the history of Cook County from its earliest days.



He has now passed his eighty-fourth birthday, but is remarkably active for one of his years, and still works upon the farm. In early life he was a Democrat, but since the organization of the Republican party has been one of its supporters. Mrs. Eliza Russell died January 8, 1892, aged seventy-five years, three months and six days.

Menzo Russell has always lived upon the farm which is yet his home, and therefore has a wide acquaintance throughout this community. No event of special importance occurred during his boyhood and youth, which were quietly passed on his father's farm. Having attained to mature years, he chose as a companion and helpmate on life's journey Miss Margaret Russell, the wedding being celebrated July 3, 1859. The lady is a daughter of David Russell, who was a native of New York, and lived to be seventy-two years of age. With his brothers, William and John, their wives and father and mother, he was laid to rest in the family burying-ground, two miles southeast of Shermerville. Mrs. Margaret Russell's three brothers, Norman, Jacob and John Russell, promptly responded to their country's call for troops at the breaking out of the Civil War, and valiantly aided in the defense of the

Union. Her grandmother had three brothers in the Revolutionary War; therefore the Russell family has been well represented in military affairs when the country was in need of valiant sons.

To our subject and his wife were born eight children, four sons and four daughters, but the former are all now deceased. Mary Elizabeth, born October 17, 1862, is the wife of George Goebel, a stone and brick mason of Evanston. Catherine, born June 16, 1864, is the wife of Joseph Selzer, a farmer of Northfield Township. Leona, born December 20, 1866, is the wife of Joseph Bastien, a tinner of Evanston. Lottie, born January 13, 1877, is at home. The parents of this family are both members of the Methodist Church, and are highly respected people, who have many warm friends in the community. Mr. Russell is a stalwart Republican. He cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and has supported each Presidential nominee of the party since that time. He is a wide-awake and progressive citizen, and public enterprises calculated to advance the general welfare never solicit his aid in vain.

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## PETER CRAWFORD.

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**P**ETER CRAWFORD, one of the most deserving pioneers of Cook County, was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1796, and was a son of Peter and Janet (McNaught) Crawford. The father was born near Inverary, on Loch Tyne, Argyleshire, in 1753, and was a boat-builder in his native land. He died in Delaware County, New York, in 1848. His wife died in Hamden, New York, in 1836, at the age of seventy years.

She was a daughter of Malcolm and Catherine (McKinley) McNaught. Her father was a ship-carpenter, and came to America at the age of ninety years. His death occurred in Delaware County, New York, in 1825, at the age of ninety-five. His children were: Gilbert, a Baptist minister of Delaware County, New York; John; Neil, who died in Scotland; Mrs. Janet Crawford; Catherine and Mary, who died in Scotland; and Archi-



bald. The mother of this family passed away in Scotland in 1818, at the age of eighty-four.

To Peter and Janet Crawford were born eight children: Malcolm, who died in infancy; Donald, who died in Hamden, New York, in 1868, at the age of eighty-two; John, who died in Scotland in 1817, at the age of twenty-nine; Gilbert, a Presbyterian minister, who for a number of years was pastor of a church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but died in Leroy, Genesee County, New York, in 1848, at the age of fifty-six; Catherine, who was born in 1796, and died at the age of seventy-five years; Peter, of this sketch; Sarah, who became the wife of Malcolm McFarland, and died in Hamden in 1853, at the age of fifty-two; and Janet, who died in Hamden in 1872, at the age of sixty-eight.

Peter Crawford, whose name heads this notice, came to America in 1820, on a sailing-vessel, locating first in Delaware County, New York, with his parents. In Buffalo, New York, he wedded Juliet Sophronia Hubbard, a native of Westminster, Windham County, Vermont, born October 19, 1807. She was a daughter of Salmon and Caroline (Pratt) Hubbard. Mrs. Crawford's father was a son of Daniel Hubbard, who died in Massachusetts in 1813, at the age of eighty years. Salmon Hubbard was born in Sunderland, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, in 1774, and was the eldest in a family of five children, the others being Spencer, Lemuel, Polly and Electa. Salmon Hubbard died in Canadice, Livingston County, New York, about 1859. His children were: Hiram, who was proprietor of a livery and stage line and died in Canandaigua, New York, in 1848, at the age of forty-nine years; Daniel, who died in 1849, at the age of forty-eight; Elijah H., who was born in Guilford, Vermont, and died in New York in 1830, at the age of twenty-seven; Salmon, who was born in Westminster, Vermont, in 1805, and died in 1835; Juliet Sophronia, wife of Peter Crawford; Almira, who was born in Greenwich, New York, in 1810, became the wife of John Purcell, and died in Canadice, New York, in 1884; and Ornan, who was born in Williamson, Ontario County, New York, in 1813, and died in 1834. Mrs. Caroline (Pratt) Hubbard was born

December 8, 1774, and died in 1816, in Windham County, Vermont. She was a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Clark) Pratt. One of her brothers, Samuel Pratt, located at Buffalo, New York, in 1804, driving thither from Vermont in the first carriage that ever entered that place. He became a leading merchant of Buffalo, and his descendants are prominent hardware and iron dealers in that city. The Pratt family is supposed to have been established in America by ancestors who came from the north of Ireland. The Hubbards are probably of English origin. Both were well-to-do families in Vermont before moving to New York.

In 1844, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford left their New York home and came to the young and growing city of Chicago. In their family were four children, who reached mature years. Gilbert, who is now engaged in the real-estate business in Chicago; John, who was prominently connected with the same business for some years, but is now deceased; Sophronia A., widow of A. B. Kellogg and a resident of Denver, Colorado; and Hiram P., whose sketch is given on another page of this work.

On coming to Chicago, in the year 1844, Peter Crawford began dealing in lumber. Twelve years later he removed to Cicero Township, where, in 1848, he had purchased a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, paying for the same \$15 per acre. This tract is now within the city limits. Mr. Crawford lived upon that farm until his death, which occurred in 1876, at the age of eighty-two years. He had been in good health until a few days before his death, which was the result of a severe cold, contracted while attending an election. He had voted at every Presidential election from 1836, at which time he supported William Henry Harrison. He was always an advocate of a protective tariff, and his last vote was cast for R. B. Hayes. His wife, who survived him about ten years, died in 1886, at the ripe old age of eighty years. Peter Crawford possessed a large fund of general information, and a remarkable memory, which, combined with good judgment and natural business ability, fitted him for a successful and honorable business career.

## JOHN SOLLITT.

JOHN SOLLITT, now in his eighty-first year, was in his younger days one of the largest contractors and builders of Chicago. He was born November 19, 1813, in Stillington, County of York, in what is one of the most beautiful sections of England. His ancestors were Huguenots, who emigrated from France to England some two hundred years ago. His paternal grandfather was John Sollitt, and his maternal John Cass. The former was a stone-mason, and the latter a carpenter. The father of our subject, John Sollitt, was also a stone-mason and a sculptor. All were prominent in their professions and lived and died in England.

At the age of six years the subject of this sketch entered the common schools of Stillington, and was graduated therefrom in his twelfth year, after which he began learning the carpenter's trade with his grandfather. He remained in his employ until his twenty-first year, when, in May, 1834, with his wife and child, he went to Canada. He worked at his trade in Hamilton and Toronto for a year or two, when a friend, residing in Madison, Wisconsin, wrote to him glowing accounts of that country, and he decided to remove to that place. He started by way of the Lakes for Milwaukee, but, experiencing difficulty in reaching that point, on account of a storm raging on Lake Michigan, he landed in Chicago. This was on the 6th of June, 1838, and he had but \$5 in his pocket. Chicago, at that time, contained a population of about four thousand.

Business was very dull in this city then, and he had difficulty in obtaining employment; but he finally made an arrangement with Azel Peck, a prominent contractor and builder, in whose employ he remained for three years. He then entered the service of Peter Lewis Updyke, with

whom he continued for five years. On the expiration of that period he entered into partnership with Messrs. Peck and Updyke, and their's became the leading firm of the kind in Chicago. Mr. Peck died in 1848, and the partnership was continued between Mr. Sollitt and Mr. Updyke until the latter's death, in 1850. In the fall of 1849 they erected the old Tremont House, which was destroyed in the great fire of 1871. Mr. Sollitt then carried on building operations alone, with great success. He erected several of the finest buildings in Chicago, including the old court house, built in 1852-53, and having acquired a competency through thrift and enterprise, he retired from business, and has since given his time to his private interests and the enjoyment of a well-earned rest. Soon after his retirement from building operations, he purchased large tracts of land in Kankakee and Will Counties, forty-three miles from Chicago, and there moved his family, hoping the country air would prove beneficial to his wife's health. This hope, however, was disappointed, for she died in 1871. During this period Mr. Sollitt spent a portion of his time in Chicago and the remainder with his family. The town of Sollitt, in Will County, was named in his honor, and he gave to the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company \$1,000, with which to build a new depot at that place. After the death of Mrs. Sollitt he brought his family back to Chicago, and now resides in his handsome home at No. 515 Jackson Boulevard.

When scarcely twenty years old Mr. Sollitt was joined in wedlock with Mary Smith, daughter of Thomas Smith. Her father, a farmer by occupation, resided in Tollerton, Yorkshire, England. Her uncle, Thomas Pollard, carried on a large and popular hotel, called the "Angel Inn," situated



near Tollerton, on the main stage road between London and Edinburgh. Mrs. Sollitt died of cholera in Chicago, in 1850, and was buried in Graceland Cemetery. Eight children were born of their union. Elizabeth, now a resident of Englewood, has been twice married. Her first husband was Alfred Bromfield, and her present husband is William Ivers. By each marriage she has had three children. Mary died in childhood. Hannah, deceased, was the wife of Henry Curtis. Jane, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Wallin. James J. lives in Sollitt. Oliver died when one year old. John resides in Oklahoma; and Fanny died in Chicago in 1865. In 1854 Mr. Sollitt was united in marriage with Anna Rowntree, who was one of a family of seven children. She was born in or near Richmond, Yorkshire, England, and came to America with her parents, who located in Rochester, Racine County, Wisconsin. On their deaths she went to live with her brother Christopher, who resided near that city, and at his home was married. After a happy wedded life of seventeen years, which was all passed in Chicago, with the exception of one year in Sollitt, she died of consumption, and was laid to rest in Graceland. She had two children. Charles, who resides in Sollitt, where he follows farming, is married and has two children, Leslie and John. The daughter, Blanche, is the wife of Nathaniel Board, a solicitor for the Chicago &

North-Western Railroad, residing in Oak Park. In 1874 Mr. Sollitt was married in the town of Waterford, Wisconsin, to Anna Blackburn, and they have a son, Walter, a bright and promising youth of seventeen years, who is now preparing for college in a Chicago academy.

Mr. Sollitt cares little for society, preferring to give his time and attention to his family. He was reared in the Episcopal Church, which he attended for a time on first coming to Chicago. Later, he joined Robert Collyer's Unitarian Church, and occupied a pew there for a number of years. He erected the first Unitarian Church built in Chicago, its location being on Washington Street, between Clark and Dearborn. Politically, Mr. Sollitt is a conservative Democrat, and has, with few exceptions, voted that ticket. He is an advocate of free trade, the advantages of which have been made evident to him since leaving England. While never aspiring to office or taking an active part in politics, he ran for Alderman in 1852 and County Clerk in 1854. He has always been a reader of the *Chicago Tribune*, and is a man well informed on all questions of the day. He was one of Chicago's earliest settlers, and is a model of a healthy mind in a healthy body, of business industry and integrity, and of civic virtue. His memory of events relative to the past history of Chicago is perfect, and a record of them would make a volume.

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## BARNARD THALMANN.

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**B**ARNARD THALMANN, who carries on agricultural pursuits on section 30, New Trier Township, was born in Prussia on the 23d of March, 1836, and is a son of Gerhard Thalmann, who was born in the same country, July 24, 1801, made farming his life work, and died on the 16th of July, 1867. His wife bore

the maiden name of Kerdrad Kohle, and was a daughter of Adolph Kohle, a native of Prussia, and a stone-cutter by trade. She was born in that country in 1804, and by her marriage had a family of four sons and two daughters, of whom three sons are living, namely: Barnard of this sketch; Henry, Postmaster of Gross Point; and



Joseph, a farmer of that community. The parents came to America in 1847, landing in New York on the 14th of April, after thirty days spent upon the bosom of the Atlantic. After visiting relatives in Boston for three weeks they came to Cook County, and Mr. Thalmann purchased eighty acres of land on section 30, New Trier Township. He afterwards added forty-four acres on section 33, and there made his home until called to his final rest.

Barnard Thalmann spent the first eleven years of his life in his native land, and then accompanied his parents on their emigration to America. In his father's home his childhood days were passed, and during his youth he became familiar with farm work in all its departments. On the 26th of September, 1865, he was united in marriage with Mary Feldmann, who was born in Gross Point, June 4, 1848, and is a daughter of Joseph Feldmann, whose birth occurred in Prussia on the 4th of August, 1817. He came to America with his parents in August, 1833. His father died in Albany, New York, while en route for Chicago, and the other members of the family continued their westward journey. For two years they lived in Chicago, and then removed to New Trier Township. Here Mr. Feldmann still resides, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Thalmann. His other children are: Christina, wife of Anton May, a contractor and builder of Wilmette; Frank, an engineer on the Ft. Wayne

Railroad, residing in Chicago. Mrs. Mathias Pauly, Mrs. Nick Fellens and Mrs. Peter Kunz, all of Chicago; and Mrs. Nick Surges, of Lombard, Du Page County, Illinois.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thalmann have been born twelve children, of whom nine are living, five sons and four daughters: John G., who was born April 5, 1867, and is a carpenter residing in New Trier; Joseph, born February 24, 1871, who follows farming; Barnard, born May 25, 1873, a carpenter; Elizabeth, born August 11, 1875; Kate, September 23, 1877; Frank, December 7, 1880; Anton, June 27, 1883; Mary, March 28, 1885; and Anna, July 25, 1890. Elizabeth attended St. Joseph's College, of Milwaukee, for one year, and all have received good common-school advantages. The parents and their family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Gross Point.

Mr. Thalmann cast his first Presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas, and has since been a supporter of the Democratic party and its principles. He was twice elected Overseer of Roads, and was School Director for several years. He is also a member of St. Joseph's Library and Sick Benefit Association. His farm, located on section 30, New Trier Township, is under a high state of cultivation and well improved with all modern accessories, and the owner is regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of the community.

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## ADAM MELZER.

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**A**DAM MELZER, a self-made man and enterprising citizen, now residing in the town of Northfield, Cook County, is of German birth. He was born in the province of Bavaria, Germany, March 29, 1844, and is a son of John C. and Catherine (Horn) Melzer. His parents were

also natives of Germany, and were there married in 1835. The father was born on the 20th of April, 1811, and at this writing, in the summer of 1894, makes his home with his son Adam, enjoying remarkably good health for one who has attained the very advanced age of eighty-three

years. His wife passed away in November, 1893, in the seventy-eighth year of her age. The year 1853 witnessed their emigration to America, and after a long and tempestuous voyage of seventy-nine days they reached New York. Their family numbered ten children, eight of whom are yet living. The eldest daughter died in New York City soon after the family came to America. John, a carpenter and farmer, now resides in Niles Township; Jacob is a cabinet-maker and undertaker of Northfield; Adam is next in order of birth; Margaret, who became the wife of John Ward, of Maine Township, died May 19, 1888; Johanna is the wife of Nicholas Haupt, a farmer of Maine Township; Eva, twin sister of Johanna, and the widow of Peter Soergel, now lives in Chicago; Nicholas is a cabinet-maker and farmer of Northfield; Katie makes her home with her brothers and sisters; and William carries on agricultural pursuits in Massena, Cass County, Iowa. After landing in New York the family at once resumed their westward journey and came by way of Buffalo and Detroit to Chicago. They at once took up their residence in Maine Township, but after three years removed to Northfield Township, where different members of the family now reside.

No event of special importance occurred during the childhood and youth of Adam Melzer. The first nine years of his life were spent in his native land, and he then came with his father and mother to the New World. Since that time he

has resided in Cook County, and is therefore numbered among its early settlers. In the fall of 1866, as a companion and helpmate on life's journey, he chose Miss Louisa Wildhage, daughter of William Wildhage, a native of Hessen-Schaumberg, Germany. The lady was born in the same locality in February, 1846. To Mr. and Mrs. Melzer have been born five children, a son and four daughters, who in order of birth are as follows: William, born March 2, 1868; Maggie, August 15, 1872; Katie, June 17, 1875; Lulu, May 18, 1881; and Josie, August 5, 1884.

Mr. and Mrs. Melzer have spent their entire wedded life in their pleasant country home, which is the abode of hospitality and good cheer. Mr. Melzer, with foresight and sagacity, saw that the best investment a farmer could make to improve his land in this locality would be to drain it, so he has spent over \$1,000 in tiling his eighty-acre tract. He is now receiving a rental of \$8 per acre for his farm, almost double what he could have obtained previous to draining it. It is now a valuable and desirable property.

Socially, Mr. Melzer is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Vesuvius Lodge No. 81, A. F. & A. M., of East Wheeling. Until quite recently he was a Democrat in his political views, but is now independent. Whatever success he has achieved in life is due to his own efforts. He started out for himself empty-handed, and the property which he has acquired is the just reward of his labors.

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## NATHANIEL J. BROWN.

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**N**ATHANIEL J. BROWN is one of the noted pioneers of Illinois, for many years having been prominently identified with the business interests and leading enterprises of Cook County. During his boyhood he took up his res-

idence on the frontier, living in Michigan. He was born in Windsor, Vermont, in 1812, and at the age of three was taken by his parents to New York, living in the neighborhood of Rochester and Lockport until 1826, when, with the family, he



emigrated to Ann Arbor, Michigan. The public schools of the Empire State afforded him the greater part of his educational privileges. Early in life he embarked in small business ventures, and later became associated with his brother, who was the owner of flouring-mills at Ann Arbor. His brother also established a stage line, and he became one of its agents. While thus engaged he became familiar with a large amount of territory, and when a favorable opening presented itself, he made good investments in real estate, purchasing land in Kent, Ionia and Clinton Counties, which afterward yielded him rich returns. His land in Kent County was covered with pine timber, and, with his usual sagacity, Mr. Brown saw that it would one day become very valuable. He resolved to place it on the market in Chicago, and to this end chartered the schooner "White Pigeon."

Mr. Brown built a mill upon his land, and as soon as possible in the spring of 1835, a raft of lumber, which contained six schooner loads, was launched at what is now Granville. With a big lumberman from Maine to assist him, Mr. Brown cut the craft loose from its moorings. No such attempt as this to carry lumber down the stream had been made before, or since, but the journey was safely accomplished. Arriving in Chicago, he found that objections were made by the local dealers to him selling lumber there, but he finally obtained permission, and disposed of his cargo at a handsome profit. For some time he continued his lumber shipments to Chicago with excellent success.

While in this city, Mr. Brown formed the acquaintance of Augustus Garrett, who afterward founded the Biblical Institute of Evanston. Mr. Garrett proposed that they form a partnership, and they finally agreed to form a combination which should not interfere with Mr. Brown's land speculations in Michigan. He owned a section of land in the center of Ionia County, Michigan, and a town was platted upon it. Mr. Garrett was to have charge of the sale of the lots, and Mr. Brown proceeded to the new town of Ionia and proposed to erect a sawmill there. Lots sold rapidly, and the following winter Senator Ewing succeeded in having the Grand River district land-

office located there. Through some trickery, however, this was not done, but Mr. Brown managed to sell his lots and realized therefrom a small fortune. This was invested in Chicago land, and Garrett & Brown became the owners of three thousand acres in the Chicago land district. They became the owners of the most famous auction house in the West, and it was soon filled with goods of every kind from the East, to be sold at auction or traded for town lots, for settlers were rapidly coming in and there was a wild scramble for property. The business done at the first house increased so rapidly that two branch houses were established. They not only sold all kinds of commodities and town lots, but also disposed of Illinois and Wisconsin property. At one time they owned nine thousand acres in and near Chicago. In 1837 the partnership was dissolved.

Mr. Brown is a keen, far-sighted business man, and this characteristic was shown by his investment in lands at Madison, Wisconsin, at the time the State Capitol was located there. Knowing that the location would cause a boom, he made arrangements whereby he received the news of the location eighteen hours in advance of any official report; thus he had ample opportunity for securing the property, and within a day he had sold land until he had realized in cash more than half as much money as he had invested. His later sales also added materially to his income. Mr. Brown became interested in banking with Lyman A. Spaulding, of Lockport, New York, establishing a bank at Ann Arbor, Michigan. In later years he was engaged in the construction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, taking a contract to complete two sections, running through what is now the village of Lemont. The financial panic caused by the suspension of the National Bank about that time caused the canal contractors to receive no pay, and Mr. Brown suffered an enormous loss. During his work on the canal, however, he obtained a knowledge of the geology of the neighborhood and noted the immense deposits of limestone. Afterward investing in these, he developed an important industry, and became the owner of a valuable property. He removed to Lemont and was soon recognized as its leading



citizen, and now has a larger property interest in the city than any other citizen.

Mr. Brown has ever been a friend to the laboring classes, in fact his own life has been one of labor. The cause of temperance has found in him a warm friend and he has done much to promote

sobriety among working men. In politics, he was a Democrat, and supported that party until its members in the South fired on Ft. Sumter, when he espoused the cause of the Union and joined the ranks of the Republican party, with which he has since affiliated.

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## REV. FRANCIS SIXT.

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REV. FRANCIS SIXT. In the mediæval ages of chivalry, when men shed their blood and gave up their lives freely on the field of battle in support of the principles they loved, it was no uncommon thing for a warrior, after his days of wars and battles were over, to retire to a religious institution and devote the remainder of his days as zealously to the cause of Christianity as he had fought for the success of his chosen cause in secular matters. Loyola, whose name will be ever dear to the heart of true Catholics, was a soldier priest, whose military training and experience fitted him for the ecclesiastical offices he was later to fill with so much honor. The fathers in the church at the present day are not so frequently graduates from the school of arms, or men who have responded to their country's call for defenders, but there are some such, even now.

Rev. Francis Sixt, of Lemont, is one. His family dates back to the year 1200. On the 21st of May, 1850, he first saw the light of day at the village of Unterroedel, among the fruit and grain fields of Bavaria, and there his youth was passed. At the early age of five, he began his education at the public school, where he continued until he was twelve years old. At that date he went to the Gymnasium in Eichstadt, attending there and at Amberg till he had reached the age of nineteen. He was then drafted into the army, and served in the Sixth Cavalry Regiment of Bavaria

for two years. During his term of service the Franco-Prussian War occurred, and he saw some of the most arduous service in that hard-fought and terrible struggle. He was present at the victories of Sedan, Orleans and Paris. In following the army of McMahon with "Unser Fritz" into Sedan, he spent twenty-one hours in the saddle each day for three days, and he and many other soldiers were so blistered by hard riding that the blood from their mutilated limbs ran into their boots, and the scars of their wounds yet remain.

In March, 1871, at the close of the war, his military service being ended, Mr. Sixt came to the United States, landing at New York on the 21st of April. He then proceeded to Milwaukee, where he entered St. Francis' College. Among his instructors were Rev. Mr. Salzmann, D. D., Rector; Archbishop Katzer, Professor of Dogmas and Philosophy; Reverend (now Monseignor) Zeininger, teacher of Philosophy and Chemistry; Rev. Joseph Reiner, now rector of St. Francis and Professor of Modern Languages; and Rev. Mr. Moppethorst, rector and Professor of Moral Theology and Common Law. Our subject was graduated in 1876, and on the 10th of June of that year was ordained by Rt.-Rev. Bishop Folly, D. D., Bishop of Chicago. Soon after he became assistant to the Rev. Patrick Riordan, rector of St. James' Church, of Chicago, now Archbishop of San Francisco, remaining six months, and then taking a

similar place with Rev. Ferdinand Kalvelage, of St. Francis' Church, where he remained two years longer. He was then transferred to Lockport, Illinois, where he took charge of St. Joseph's Church, with two missions, Gooding's Grove and Mokena, attached. This work occupied his time and attention for the next six years.

On the 1st of April, 1884, Father Sixt was transferred to Lemont, since which time he has been rector in charge of St. Alphonsus' Church. At his coming, he found the financial affairs of the parish in a very bad condition, two-thirds of the church property sold for taxes, and the parish about to dissolve. Father Sixt is a positive man,

and he took hold of the spiritual and temporal affairs with a firm hand and brought together the members of the church, collected money, paid off the indebtedness, redeemed the property, and repaired the buildings, spending upwards of \$10,000 in that way. He put everything in a prosperous condition, and the people of his parish are now among the most happy and contented. He was the man for the place, and by precept and example has shown his people how to succeed, and they follow his teachings to a very great degree, for his influence has been and still is great among his parishioners, many of whom he has helped to buy homes.

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## AARON W. BURNSIDE, M. D.

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**A**ARON WALLACE BURNSIDE, M. D. The retrospect of a well-spent life, whose chief element has been one of usefulness to diseased and suffering humanity, is a thing that any man would contemplate with satisfaction. The man who has lived such a life, coupled with the elements of honesty, uprightness and kindness of heart, is loved and honored by his fellow-men. Such a man is Dr Burnside, the subject of this sketch.

The Empire State, which has contributed so many valuable citizens to the West, is the place of his nativity. He was born March 21, 1829, at Wheeler, Steuben County. His ancestors were of the famous Wallace family, and were known as the Wallaces of the Burnside (*i. e.*, Brookside) from the place of their residence in Scotland, and

in later years adopted Burnside as a surname, but retained Wallace as a Christian name in most cases. Three brothers of this family came to America in an early day and settled in New York and New Jersey, and from them sprung a numerous progeny, numbers of whom have located in many States of the Union, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The grandfather of Dr. Burnside married at an early age, and with his brave young wife made his way from Albany to Otsego County, New York, part of the way following a bridle-path through the wilderness, and settled in the forest, where he had purchased land. He erected a sawmill, later built others, and being a man of great energy and endurance, by hard work and economy succeeded far beyond his expectations. He died when fifty-six years of age,



having been one of the wealthiest men in that section of the State.

His son John, the father of Dr. Burnside, was a resident of Steuben County, and was extensively engaged in the manufacture of stage coaches, which were widely known for their excellence, and were used over a large territory. He married Ann Eliza Teller, daughter of James and Lucretia (Brown) Teller, who was descended on the maternal side from Anneke Jans, the granddaughter of William IV. of Holland, who has become celebrated in and out of the courts of law as the owner of the immensely valuable Trinity Church property of New York, over which almost endless litigation has arisen.

Aaron W. Burnside is one of a family of seven children, and accompanied his parents to near Bucyrus, Ohio, where they settled in 1842. His home was on a farm until he attained his majority, and in the work he performed he found health and strength, and his surroundings were such that he grew to manhood in the community where manliness and morality were valued, and his training in those matters was what it should have been, as his after life has shown. The common schools gave him his education in the fundamental branches. At the age of twenty-one he entered the Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, where he spent two profitable years, and then, having decided to adopt the practice of medicine for his life work, he matriculated at the Eclectic Medical College, of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1854. He at once engaged in practice in that city, and enjoyed three years of success. He then migrated westward and settled at Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois, where for many years he was a leading physician and did a large practice.

In 1881, on account of ill health, caused by overwork and the great amount of driving incident to a large country practice, he removed to Chicago. Here his ability as a physician was speedily recognized, and he was soon possessed of a large practice. In the year 1882, Dr. Burnside was appointed on the medical staff of the homeopathic department of the Cook County

Hospital, and later becoming President of this body served in that capacity for several years, and then terminated his relation therewith by resignation. The only other public position the Doctor has filled is that of Examining Surgeon of Pensions, which he held for fourteen years, while residing in Boone County. During his incumbency of that position he examined many hundreds of applicants for pensions and never had one returned for re-examination.

Dr. Burnside married Mary Ann Leslie, daughter of John Leslie, of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1854. One son was born to them in 1857, John L. Burnside, for many years connected with the firm of King Bros., furnishing goods.

Dr. Burnside was again married, October 30, 1864, this time to Margaret E. Fuller, daughter of Judge Lucius and Candice (Newell) Fuller, of Belvidere, Ill., and sister of Allen C. Fuller, Adjutant-General of the State of Illinois during the War of the Rebellion. By this marriage one child was born, Vincent Wallace, who is connected in business with the National Printing and Engraving Company.

Dr. Burnside became a member of the Masonic Order in 1856, and has repeatedly held the positions of Master of the Blue Lodge, and High Priest of the Chapter, having been a Thirty-second Degree Mason since April 29, 1869. He has been a life-long Republican, but has never been active in politics, nor held a political office. In 1857 he became a member of the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Association, and twenty-five years ago of the American Institute of Homeopathy. As has been said above, Dr. Burnside has never sought office or political preferment. His life has been devoted to the discharge of his duties as a physician to his fellowmen, and in this he has been successful, and in his success he has been charitable, as is attested by thousands of uncollected bills for medical attendance upon the poor and distressed. His life shows him to be a credit to the illustrious family from which he springs, and to his kinsman, the late Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside.



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## JOHN A. HUTCHINGS.

JOHN ALEXANDER HUTCHINGS, of Oak Glen, is numbered among the boys in blue who during the late war valiantly aided in the defense of the Union. He is recognized as one of the most loyal and patriotic citizens of this community, as well as one of the leading business men. For more than a quarter of a century he has been prominently connected with the commercial interests of this place and is now successfully engaged in the manufacture of tile.

Mr. Hutchings is a native of Somerset, England, born March 14, 1838, and is a son of James Young and Sarah Jane (Linden) Hutchings. His father was born in Somerset, in the year 1809, and was a wheelwright by trade. His mother was born January 18, 1801, at Bridgewater, London, and was a daughter of Joseph Linden, a sea-captain. In 1838 James Y. Hutchings, leaving his family behind him, sailed from the land of his birth to the New World, and after a voyage of one month found himself on American soil. He landed at New York, and after looking about him for a time was so well pleased with the country that he sent for his family, who joined him the following year. In 1843, he followed the "Star of Empire" westward and took up his residence in Northfield Township, Cook County, Illinois. The journey was made by canal to Buffalo and thence to Chicago by way of the Lakes. Shortly before reaching their destination they encountered a heavy gale, which drove them back to Mackinaw and made the time of their trip one month. In 1847 Mr. Hutchings purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, for which he paid \$7.50 per acre. A few years afterwards the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company was induced to build its depot at Oak Glen on the Hutchings

farm, and this land was subdivided and a part of the village has been built thereon.

Our subject is the fourth in the family of six children. The eldest daughter died in infancy. Henry Joseph is a miller living in Oak Glen. Frederick James is now deceased. John A. is the next younger. William L. is a farmer of Oak Glen. Sarah Jane is the wife of E. F. Conner, of Albert Lea, Minnesota.

It was during the infancy of John A. Hutchings that he was brought by his mother to America, and upon the old home farm in Northfield Township the days of his boyhood and youth were passed. On the 3d of August, 1861, when rebellion threatened the destruction of the Union, he volunteered his services in defense of his country, and was assigned to Company F, Thirty-ninth Illinois Infantry—the celebrated "Yates Phalanx." His captain was Amasa Kennicott, and he was under Cols. O. L. Light, Thomas O. Osborn and O. L. Mann. He faithfully and valiantly served until November 28, 1865, when, the war having ended, he was honorably discharged. At Weir Bottom Church, Virginia, he was twice wounded in one minute. On all national holidays he demonstrates his love for "Old Glory" and the nation he defended by unfurling to the breezes the largest flag in Northfield Township.

On the 9th of December, 1869, Mr. Hutchings was married to Miss Amelia J. Whitney, who was born at Diamond Lake, Lake County, Illinois, March 17, 1852. Mrs. Hutchings is a daughter of David Bagley and Elizabeth (Hicks) Whitney. Mr. Whitney was born in Topsham, Orange County, Vermont, October 1, 1810, but most of his boyhood was spent in Dalton, Coos County,

New Hampshire, where his ancestors had lived for several generations and where some of their descendants still reside. His mother's maiden name was Andrews. Her family were early settlers of Orange County, Vermont.

In 1835, Mr. Whitney came to Illinois, first locating at Joliet. A few years later he removed to Lake County, Illinois, becoming one of the first settlers of that county, where he owned a valuable farm. His death occurred March 26, 1886.

Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney was born in England, and came to America with her parents when seventeen years of age. Her father, John Hicks, was an early settler at Joliet, but afterwards removed to Lake County, Illinois, where the balance of his days were spent. Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney died at Diamond Lake, Illinois, January 31, 1856.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchings have three children: Oliver A., who was born September 29, 1870, and is a live-stock dealer of Kansas; Elsie Ada, who was born May 8, 1875, and is the wife of Philip A. Kennicott, a promising young phy-

sician, who is practicing his chosen profession in Oak Glen; and Lillian Minerva, who was born November 14, 1884, and is yet with her parents. Mr. Hutchings and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Oak Glen. In politics he was a Republican until the organization of the Prohibition party, when he joined its ranks. Socially he is a member of Vesuvius Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Wheeling.

In his business dealings Mr. Hutchings has met with success. For ten years he was an engineer, and in 1866 he and his brothers put into a grist and saw mill the first steam power in Northfield Township. For eleven years he was a successful grocer, and is now engaged in the manufacture of tile. This is one of the leading industries of the town, and his constantly increasing business yields to him a good income. Mr. Hutchings is a gentleman of more than ordinary intelligence, and his friendly and courteous manner makes him at home in all society and wins him the esteem and confidence of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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## JOHN JENKINS.

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**J**OHN JENKINS, who owns and operates forty acres of rich and valuable land on section 5, Jefferson Township, but now resides in Forest Glen, where he has recently erected a beautiful home, claims Wales as the land of his birth, which occurred in Carmarthen County, on the 8th of February, 1818. His father, Thomas Jenkins, was a native of the same locality, and was a farmer by occupation. In 1834 he crossed the briny deep to Canada, taking up his residence in Huron County. Six years later he was drowned in the Maitland River.

John Jenkins is the only surviving member in

a family of five children. He came from Canada to Chicago in the summer of 1843, and worked in the city until the following winter, when he went to the town of Jefferson, and was engaged in taking out ship timber, being employed by George Allen. When that work was completed he bought of B. W. Ogden the timber on a five-acre tract of land, and began chopping cordwood and making staves. Thus he made his start in life. Saving his money, he at length was enabled to enter eighty acres of Government land on section 8, Jefferson Township, where Gladstone Park now stands. At that time many would claim land to



which they had no title, and when Mr. Jenkins secured his farm he was warned not to do so, being told that he would never live to enjoy it; but the threat did not terrify him, and he replied that he expected to improve his land, and that he was able to take care of himself. On one occasion he was attacked, and had quite a scuffle with one of the settlers, during which his team got away from him; but he came off victorious in the end, and his property was not wrested from him. He can relate many incidents of pioneer life, and was prominently identified with the development of the community. He and Mr. Barnum, of Chicago, did the first grading on Milwaukee Avenue. While he was working in the timber, a young man by the name of William West approached him, and proposed that they together keep bachelors' hall. This they agreed to do. Early next day Mr. West started for Chicago with a load of wood, and Mr. Jenkins concluded in his absence to clean the house. While doing this he found a barrel of cabbage which he thought had spoiled, and threw it into

a hole and covered it over, "so as not to smell the rotten stuff." When Mr. West returned he found that his barrel of sauerkraut had been thrown away, and was anything but pleased with Mr. Jenkins as a housekeeper.

In 1883 Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage with Elizabeth Ann Curgenven, daughter of John Curgenven, a farmer of Cornwall, England. They are both members of the Congregational Church. By a former marriage Mr. Jenkins had two children: Elizabeth, wife of William Irwin, a real-estate and insurance agent of Chicago; and Thomas W., who died, leaving a son, John J., who is now attending a business college in Chicago. Mr. Jenkins resided upon his farm until 1894, when he removed to his beautiful home in Forest Glen. By his well-directed efforts in former years, he acquired a handsome competency, which supplies him with all the comforts of life, and enables him to lay aside business cares, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

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## JUDGE GEORGE DRIGGS.

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JUDGE GEORGE DRIGGS was born at Mount Morris, New York, May 18, 1846, and was a son of Elias and Sarah (Rowell) Driggs. His father was a tinner and a man of moderate means. When he had reached the age of seven, both his parents died, leaving him in charge of his brother, Benjamin P. Driggs, who sent him to Fairlee, Vermont, where he began work on a farm. There he remained until he was thirteen years old, performing the heavy, wearisome labor incident to New England farming, working early and late during the greater part of the year, and attending school in the winter. But he was a hardy boy and ambitious, and did not

allow himself to be discouraged by his condition or environment, but struggled manfully to better his circumstances and get an education—and succeeded.

Mr. Driggs attended Oxford Academy, in New Hampshire, for some time, and finally decided to give up farming. With this end in view, he went to Boston, expecting easily to obtain a position in a store, but he found it a seeming impossibility, and became a newsboy. He had determined to be independent, and it was his ambition to be a lawyer. To that end he sought any honorable employment that seemed to promise an opportunity for study or to provide the means for carrying out

his plans. It was not an easy thing for this country boy, unused to city ways, to maintain himself in such surroundings; but, with the energy that permeated his whole career, he did it, and did it well. In after years, speaking of that time in his life, he said: "I did not make much money, but I had my eyes opened to the intensity of business competition, and I think I learned most of the tricks of the newsboy's trade." His experience in this line was brief, however, lasting only four or five months, after which the future jurist returned to his home.

Shortly after this he enlisted for service in the War of the Rebellion, but his brother objected to this on account of his youth, and secured his release. The young man was, however, determined to do what seemed to him to be his duty to his country, and it was with a great deal of difficulty that the brother got him away from the United States authorities after a second enlistment. In after life Judge Driggs manifested in many ways the same spirit of patriotism, and was the warm friend of the veteran soldier and advocate of his claims to recognition on the part of the country. In consideration of these facts he was made an honorary member of the Union Veterans' League of Chicago. For a while he acted as clerk in a village store, but in 1865 he met the present Senator from Vermont, Justin S. Morrill, and through him secured a position in the treasury at Washington, with a view to the opportunity for study which that connection offered, and entered the Columbia University Law School.

In 1867 Mr. Driggs was graduated, and then endeavored to find a location in which to settle down to his legal work; but neither New York nor Washington suited him, and he started west. Columbus, Ohio, proved attractive to him, and in 1871 he made that place his home. Judge J. R. Swan, a distinguished jurist, took the young lawyer into his office, and all went favorably from that time forward. A short time later he entered the office of Hugh J. Jewett, President of the "Panhandle" Railroad, and later President of the "Erie," and here gained a practical knowledge and experience in railroad law. In 1876 he went to Pittsburgh, as assistant counsel of the Penn-

sylvania Railroad Company, and remained there in that capacity until 1881, when he moved to Chicago. Here he entered into a law partnership with George Willard, also of the Pennsylvania Railroad staff, and continued to act as solicitor for that line until a short time before his elevation to the Bench.

This connection was dissolved in 1887, when Mr. Driggs became a member of the firm of Tenney, Driggs & Coffeen. This association was of necessity of short duration, for with Judge Williamson's death, in 1888, came the almost unanimous demand that Mr. Driggs succeed him on the Circuit Bench. His election was not opposed. He went upon the Bench immediately on his election, and in June, 1890, was re-elected without opposition for a term of six years, but in the midst of his bright career of usefulness he was removed by death, suddenly and unexpectedly. He died of quinsy, after an illness of only five days, March 19, 1892. His funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church of Hyde Park, where fifteen hundred persons attended, among them three hundred and fifty members of the Bar and every Judge of the Circuit and Superior Courts and the jurists upon the Probate and County Benches.

On the 22d of February, 1872, George Driggs and Miss Helen Griffing, of Washington, D. C., were married. The lady was born in Litchfield, Ohio, and is a talented member of an old colonial family of prominence in Connecticut. Her father, Charles Griffing, was born in New London. Her mother, Josephine Sophia (White) Griffing, was a direct descendant of Peregrine White, the first child born in Plymouth Colony. Both her parents were ardent Abolitionists, and severed their relations with the Methodist Church on account of their radical views on the slavery question. They were persons of much more than ordinary ability, and rendered all possible aid to the Underground Railroad, so well known before the war. Among their friends and associates were William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and Mrs. Lucy Stone Blackwell. Mrs. Griffing originated the idea of the Freedman's Bureau, and, as a Government official, directed the work of caring for the desti-



tute negroes who thronged Washington after the war, having her residence there, and holding that position from 1865 until 1872. Judge Driggs left two children, a son and daughter, Herbert and Josephine.

What Judge Driggs was, and the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-citizens, is best told in the words of those who knew him best. Judge Oliver H. Horton said of his late associate: "He was my warm personal friend before he went on the Bench. He was a man who drew others to him. He had a genial manner and it was from the heart; he was a remarkably kind-hearted man. He was a gentleman. His was a well-rounded character. He was an able public speaker. His presence was pleasing. His eye spoke before he had opened his mouth—there are some men who have the gift of conveying an idea to an audience without speaking. He had a most pleasing voice and the faculty of expressing himself in full, round, felicitous phrases. His death was a terrible shock to all his associates, and it was so unexpected by his wife that it would hardly have been a greater shock if he had died from a pistol shot."

M. L. Coffeen, once his law partner, said: "He was a thorough trial lawyer, a magnificent pleader, and a man who, in the trial of a jury case, exercised a magnetic influence. His instincts were based upon microscopical integrity in every instance. He loved the right, the true and the good with ardor. He was by all means the most popular man we ever had on the Bench. In social life he was equally loved and admired. He was constantly sought for to attend dinners and banquets. He was a true admirer of music and art, and a man of the finest esthetic sensibility. His affection for his family was tender and charming. His geniality was unvarying. Never was there a more approachable man; never was there a kindlier spirit. There was never a breath of suspicion blown upon his character, for his face was a living refutation of calumny, of aspersion, of suspicion. Too often it is a fact that the beauty of a man's character becomes apparent only when he lies cold in death; but his character was known and loved all his life."

It is doubtful if there was a more popular man in Chicago than Judge Driggs. Pretty nearly everyone knew him and everyone liked him. He was fond of the innocent social pleasures of life, and invitations of all kinds were showered upon him. Nor did he slight the broader, more serious, things of life. He was a reader, a scholar, a man of keen artistic instincts, a lover of music and of the stage. He was a close friend of Joe Jefferson. Between him and Robert G. Ingersoll there was an unusually warm friendship. Wherever the wits congregated, there was his pleasure. His special ties were warm and many. He was a member of the Knights Templar and of the Royal Arcanum. Of the city clubs, the Union League, the Sunset, the Fellowship and the Forty Club claimed him. In his own neighborhood the Kenwood Club had honored him with its presidency, and of the Hyde Park Club he was a valued member. And yet no man was more attached to his friends and to his family; no man had a more charming home life. His home in the "East End" was the hospitable rendezvous of a large and pleasant circle of friends. He was a kind husband and an indulgent parent; in fact, he was much like an elder brother of his son and daughter. He was open-handed and charitable, but his foresight leaves his family in comfort.

Judge Driggs was one of the readiest of men. His wits were always with him and in working order. What his brain conceived his lips could always utter, and the thought lost nothing in transmission. It was this faculty that made him a delightful conversationalist, whose range was as wide as his erudition; a kindly wit, whose shafts never hurt the most sensitive; a *raconteur* whose listeners never grew weary; a toastmaster before whom dullness and formality fled; an after-dinner speaker whose graceful fancy could redeem whole programs of stilted nothings; a campaign orator whose political utterances were a treat; a pleader whose arguments never failed to impress both court and jury. But, better still, his gift of silver speech soared higher to what men—for want of a better word—call eloquence. As a public speaker, able to handle the occasion and the subject, he made his mark by repeated successes. It



is touching to remember that his last public address was his oration at the annual memorial services of the Chicago Bar Association, December 27, 1891, in the Auditorium, where a vast

audience listened to his eloquent tribute to the profession he loved so well and so brightly adorned.

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## THOMAS W. HESLINGTON.

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THOMAS WILLIAM HESLINGTON, a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Cook County, has long made his home in this community and is familiar with much of its history. He has the honor of being a native of the county, and has witnessed its growth from the time when the Indians were frequent visitors to the neighborhood, and when the land was wild and unimproved. He has seen the development of homes and farms and the rapid growth of Chicago, and has ever borne his part in the work of progress and advancement.

His father, George Heslington, numbered among the honored pioneers of Cook County, was born in Maunley, near Northallerton, Yorkshire, England, on the 7th of August, 1799. He married Ann Dewes, a native of Marton Grafton, Yorkshire, born October 1, 1803, and a daughter of John Dewes, a Yorkshire farmer. They became the parents of the following children: John, now deceased; Ann, wife of William Blann, who for eight years has served as night watchman in the great store of A. H. Revell & Co., Chicago, and during all this time has never been absent from duty a single night; Mrs. Isabel Langrehr; George, also deceased; Elizabeth Jane Dewes, widow of George Millen; Margaret Ella, who lives with her brother and manages the affairs of the household with marked ability; Thomas W.; Mrs. Sophia Amelia Jones, now deceased; and Maria Antoinette, wife of Otto Linemann, of Northfield Township. The first four were born in England, the others in Cook County, Illinois.

In the summer of 1833, the parents, accompanied by their children, bade adieu to their native land and sailed for America. They came at once to Illinois and took up their residence in Niles Township, where the father secured a Government claim, comprising eighty acres of timber land and eighty acres of prairie land. The voyage across the Atlantic was a very pleasant one, and consumed thirteen weeks. The captain of the vessel became a friend of Mr. Heslington, and he made the family his guests during the trip. Mrs. Heslington remarked, "It was the pleasantest thirteen weeks that I ever spent." In the pioneer home of the family their Indian neighbors were frequently entertained, and as a return for his kindness Mr. Heslington was the recipient of many favors at the hands of the red men. He continued an honored and highly-respected citizen of this community until his death, which occurred in Northfield Township, March 16, 1879, aged nearly eighty years. His wife passed away September 4, 1881.

Thomas W. Heslington whose name heads this record was born in Niles Township October 15, 1839, but has spent most of his life in Northfield Township, which is yet his place of residence, his household being presided over by his amiable sister, whose work has been to assist him in making home pleasant and prosperous. By earnest labor, economy and careful management they have accumulated a respectable portion of this world's goods to maintain them in their declining years. Mr. Heslington cast his

first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and supported the Republican party until recently, when he cast his vote with the Prohibitionists. He has never been an office-seeker, preferring to

give his entire time and attention to his business interests. His deeds of kindness and charity are performed in a quiet, unassuming way, and his life is well spent.

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## EDWIN JEREMIAH WILBER.

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**E** J. WILBER, of Chicago, who is at the head of the Wilber Mercantile Agency, which is known throughout the country, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., on the 30th of December, 1826, and is a son of John and Keziah C. (Dodge) Wilber. His mother was a daughter of Dr. Dodge, and was the eldest of twelve children. His father was a member of the Society of Friends, and was the eldest of a family of eight children.

The subject of this sketch was reared as a farmer, and from an early age was familiar with the labors of the field and the other work of an agriculturist. His early education was acquired in the district schools of the neighborhood, but during the winter season, when between the ages of eighteen and twenty years, he attended an academy in Fairfield, N. Y. He entered upon his business career as a teacher, and was thus employed in 1848 and 1849. In the latter year he went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific Slope. On reaching his destination he began mining, and was thus engaged for two years with good success. Later he engaged in selling supplies to the miners for a year; and spent one year in farming near Sacramento, Cal. At length he determined to return home, for he had been absent four years. In February, 1853, he took passage on a steamer at San Francisco. He sailed to San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, and thence by way of Lake Nicaragua and the San Juan River to Greytown, where he boarded a steamer bound for New York City. He arrived in the metropolis

in March, and then went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where the succeeding twenty years of his life were passed. During his residence in that place he was engaged for a time in the dry-goods business. Subsequently, he became connected with Eastman's Business College as a teacher, and later served as its principal for six years. He then turned his attention to the fire-insurance business, and also engaged in the publication of the *Daily News*. Leaving the East in 1873, he removed to Michigan, where he spent two years, and in 1875 embarked in an enterprise with Hon. Mark D. Wilber, bringing into use a new system of collecting and reporting. This soon became known as the Wilber Mercantile Agency, and business was established in Chicago in 1876, with E. J. Wilber as Secretary and Manager. Ten years later, John D. and Marshall D. Wilber became stockholders, and soon after it was incorporated, with Mark D. Wilber as President, E. J. Wilber Secretary, Marshall D. Wilber Treasurer, and John D. Wilber Assistant Secretary and Manager of the reporting department. S. D. King was made Superintendent of the collection department, and John C. Cummings was made Superintendent of the attorney list and was given charge of the annual and monthly revisions. Great care is taken in the preparation of these lists and revisions, and copies of the same are furnished to all patrons and associate attorneys. From the beginning the business of the company has constantly increased, until it has now assumed extensive proportions, and the Wilber Mercantile



Agency is known throughout the country. It has gained the confidence of people everywhere, and prominent business men of various places intrust large moneyed interests to its care.

After removing to Chicago, Mr. Wilber studied law in the Union Law College and was graduated therefrom in 1882. He did this in order to better fit himself for his work. Honorable and upright in all dealings, his success has been won by a straightforward career, by enterprise, perseverance and well-directed efforts. He is a man of

untiring energy, and carries forward to a successful completion whatever he undertakes. His prosperity is certainly well deserved. He is an earnest Christian gentleman and has been an officer and member of the Presbyterian Church of Woodlawn since its organization in 1884. Thus have we briefly sketched the life of a self-made man, who by his own efforts has steadily worked his way upward to a position of prominence, and is now at the head of his line of business in the country.

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## AUGUST HEUCK.

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**A**UGUST HEUCK, who is engaged in blacksmithing in Oak Glen, was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 10th of January, 1839. His father, George Heuck, was born in Kiel, Holstein, Germany, in 1811, and served as an apprentice to the blacksmith and locksmith's trades in a machine shop. He also learned the business of manufacturing surgical instruments, and was in the truest sense of the term a master mechanic. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Marguerite Oldenbuttel, and was born in Hanover, in 1814. They were married January 9, 1839, and by their union became the parents of seven children, three sons and four daughters, of whom August, the eldest, and Frederick, the youngest, yet survive. In 1857, George Heuck, accompanied by his family, boarded the sailing-vessel "Atalanta," bound for America. They were delayed by severe storms while passing through the English Channel, and collided with a vessel. They also ran on a rock in the channel, and the captain, mate and five sailors from a wreck were picked up. After a voyage of seven weeks, the "Atalanta" dropped anchor in the harbor of New York and they landed at Castle Garden. From New York they made their

way to Albany, and thence by rail to Chicago. For two or three years the father rented land in Northfield Township, and then purchased an acre of ground, on which he built a dwelling and blacksmith shop. For some years he there carried on business in his own interest. He died January 5, 1881.

August Heuck, whose name heads this record, began learning the blacksmith's trade with his father when a youth of nine summers. He also attended school during a portion of the time, and at the age of eighteen had acquired a good practical education. With the family he came to America, and has since made his home in Cook County.

On the 25th of June, 1868, was celebrated the marriage of August Heuck and Miss Wilhelmina, daughter of Lorenzo Heick. She was born April 17, 1848, in Kiel, Holstein, Germany, and emigrated to America in 1867. Their surviving children are: August, born March 20, 1872; Henry, September 14, 1873; and Johanna, November 25, 1877.

Mr. Heuck and his family are all members of the Lutheran Church. He is a Republican in politics, and has always been a zealous and active



adherent of that party since casting his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He still works at his trade and is also interested in farming. He owns the acre of land which his father first purchased, and has by industry and energy added to this until he is now the possessor of ninety-three acres of well-improved land, and some Evanston property, besides his pleasant home in Oak Glen,

built in 1877, which is surrounded by fruit and ornamental shrubbery planted by himself.

Gerhardt Oldenbuttel, a brother of Mrs. Marguerite Heuck, still resides with the subject of this sketch, at the age of seventy-five years. He came to America in 1840, landing at Charleston, South Carolina, and has since traveled extensively in the United States.

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## NOAH B. BACON.

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**N**OAH BROCKWAY BACON, one of the few men now living, with clear memories, who were born in the eighteenth century, is an example of the benefits of temperance and righteous living. When near the close of his ninety-fifth year, he wrote the following, at the request of the editor of this volume:

"I know very little of my ancestors. My father moved to the State of New York soon after his marriage, leaving all of his relatives in the Eastern States. He was a son of Ebenezer Bacon, of Massachusetts. When a boy of sixteen years, he and two older brothers enlisted in the Revolutionary War. One brother died in the army and the other lost his right arm. My father served seven years, without a day's relief, and was honorably discharged, a sound, strong man of one hundred and fifty-five pounds' weight, and paid off in Continental money, of which it would take \$5,000 to buy a pair of top boots. I have heard my father say it would take \$150 to buy a dinner.

"Some four years after the war my father married Ruth Brockway, a Connecticut school teacher, and moved west to the State of New York. The result of their marriage was five sons and two daughters. The youngest son died in infancy. Their names were Olive, Elijah, Noah B., Truman Norton, Joseph Franklin, Ruth Anna and

Timothy. Six lived to marry and rear families. My brothers and sisters have all passed on to the spirit life, and I am the only representative of my father's family. My health is good for one of my years.

"I was born on the 19th of December, 1799, and am this day ninety-four years, seven months and twenty-two days old, and I write this history from memory, and without spectacles, in this cloudy, dark day, August 10, 1894. My cup of life has been mixed with joy and grief. Our sorrows last for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. My history is peculiar to myself—perhaps of little interest to others. I have been told that my brother, Joseph F. Bacon, who died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 5, 1892, traced the line of our ancestors back to Lord Bacon. I never had time for such work. Lord Bacon was what he was in his time, and I am what I am in my day. Character, not genealogy, is what makes the man of to-day famous or infamous. Vice may be dandled in the lap of wealth and fame, while virtue, in obscurity, struggles with the iron hand of poverty, and unknown in the annals of the world's history. Yet virtue carries her reward with her, and sometimes it is an open reward. Many years of experience have taught me to regard everyone according to his virtue, from the king on his throne to the beggar in the street. I

have living twenty-five grandchildren, forty-three great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Nine grandchildren have died and two great-grandchildren have died. Three of my daughters have died, and I have five sons and one daughter living."

Elijah Bacon, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1765 (probably at Dedham, Massachusetts), and reached the age of ninety-six years. His wife lived to be ninety years old. They were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and engaged chiefly in agriculture.

Noah B. Bacon was born in Westmoreland, Ontario County, New York, and had a limited common-school education. He has been observant and studious and has secured a valuable practical education. As shown in the extract preceding, he has sound, practical views of life. After spending some years in carrying mail—first on horseback, then on a stage line—through the wilds of southern New York and northern Pennsylvania, in the employ of Stephen B. Leonard, Mr. Bacon took a sub-contract from Mr. Leonard to carry the mail (in connection with which he operated a stage line) between Bath, Steuben County, New York, and Elmira, Tioga County, in the same State, which he faithfully carried out, but without financial gain. Farming has been his main occupation in life. For about fifteen years he operated a linseed-oil mill at Bath, New York, during part of the year.

In 1843 he moved to Mukwanago (then Milwaukee) County, Wisconsin, where he rented land four years. He then removed to La Grange, Walworth County, in the same State, and combined farming with the operation of a blacksmith shop, in partnership with his eldest son. Here he improved his financial condition and established a reputation for rectitude, to which the writer of these lines cheerfully testifies from personal knowledge. In 1856 he went to Easton, Adams County, Wisconsin, where he purchased wild land and improved it successfully. Here, in 1875, at the age of seventy-seven years, his faithful helpmate was taken away by death, and he soon after retired from active life. On the evening of the first day of the year 1821, in Bath, Steuben

County, New York, Mr. Bacon was wedded to Miss Charlotte York. She was the daughter of Stephen and Amy (Franklin) York, and was born in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, being one of a family of three sons and six daughters. Stephen York was of Dutch descent. Amy Franklin was a daughter of Roswell P. Franklin, a near relative of Benjamin Franklin, the American sage. Five sons and four daughters were given to Mr. and Mrs. Bacon, named in order of birth: Mary Ann, Joseph Franklin, Ruth Amy, George Brockway, Huldah Emmarilla, Elijah Fremont, Jeremiah D., David Noah and Charlotte Amanda. Joseph Franklin resides in Portage City, Wisconsin, and has four living children; George Brockway has two children and resides in Des Moines, Iowa; Elijah Fremont, also of Des Moines, has eight children; Jeremiah D. makes his home in Chicago; David N. resides in Point Bluff, Wisconsin; Mrs. Mahlon Dewing, a widow, resides in Winfred, South Dakota. Her husband served for four years in the Eleventh Wisconsin Regiment during the War of the Rebellion. The second daughter was buried in Bath, Steuben County, New York; the third in Mukwanago, Wisconsin; and the eldest in White Creek, Wisconsin.

Mr. Bacon, though now so well advanced in years, is remarkably well preserved. His health is good, his step firm and elastic, and his eyesight and hearing are very slightly impaired. He possesses considerable literary ability, and it has been his custom for several years to compose a poem on his birthday. He also corresponds regularly with several friends and writes daily in a diary. Until his retirement his life was a very busy one, and he is now spending his declining years in a well-earned rest. In pleasant weather he accompanies his grandchildren through the busy portions of the city, and during 1893 he several times visited the World's Fair, which he enjoyed greatly. His excellent health is undoubtedly due in a large measure to his abstinence from intoxicating liquors. In religious faith he is a Universalist, and has acted with the Republican Party since its organization—"pledged to truth and the public good: God first and my country next."



While in Chicago Mr. Bacon resides with his son, Jeremiah D., who was born March 23, 1832, in Bath, Steuben County, New York. He attended school at that place and completed his education in Wisconsin. At the age of eighteen he began to learn the blacksmith's trade with his brother, Joseph Franklin, with whom he worked (at La Grange, Wisconsin) four years, after which he carried on mercantile pursuits in connection with another brother at White Creek, Wisconsin. They built a flouring-mill and carried on business along that line until the spring of 1865, at which time Jeremiah Bacon went to Hannibal, Missouri, where he engaged in the grocery business for one year. He then, with others, organized an insurance company, with which he was connected for four years, when he returned to the grocery business, carrying on trade until 1876. On his removal to Chicago, in the Centennial year, he embarked in the commission business on South Water Street, being

thus engaged for two years, when he entered the employ of Rosenbaum Bros. He severed his connection with that firm to engage in the grain business, and subsequently entered the employ of Rogers Bros., grain receivers, and his next venture was in the real-estate business, which he yet carries on.

Jeremiah Bacon has been twice married. He first wedded Bianca A. Walworth, and afterward Susan E. Lanphear. His children are: Hattie B., wife of C. L. Thayer, of Chicago, by whom she has one child, Charles L.; Mary C., a teacher in the Kershaw School of Chicago; Lulu S., at home; Anna L., wife of W. C. Allen, of Chicago, by whom she has two children; and Henrietta L., wife of E. G. Colburn, a druggist of this city. In his political views Mr. Bacon is a Democrat, and is a well-informed man, who keeps abreast with the times on all questions of the day. A courteous, genial gentleman, those who know him esteem him highly for his sterling worth.

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## JOHN M MATHIS.

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JOHN MICHAEL MATHIS resides on section 31, Niles Township, Cook County. The men who start out in life without capital and work their way upward unaided, depending entirely on their own resources, deserve great credit for their success. Such a man is our subject. He was the eldest of five children and was born on the 19th of May, 1819. His ancestors were stalwart men, prominent in the military service of France. His father, John Michael Mathis, Sr., who lived to see his eighty-fourth year, was a soldier under Napoleon and witnessed the fall of the "Great Commander." His mother, who bore the maiden name of Barbara Myer, was a daughter of Casper Myer, a blacksmith. All were natives of Alsace, Germany, then a part of France.

Mr. Mathis whose name heads this record enlisted in the French army in 1840, and after six years' service was honorably discharged, on the 26th of November, 1846. While in the army he excelled in all the athletic sports that so much interest men during soldier-life, and in a contest received the prize—a gold watch—for being the "best man" in the regiment. He was thirty years of age at the time of his emigration to America. In 1849, he crossed the briny deep and took up his residence in Lake County, Illinois, near the Cook County line. After a few years he removed to Arlington Heights, in this county, where he made his home for a period of twelve years. He then went to Mobile, Alabama, where he spent two years engaged in hunting and fishing.



While engaged in the latter pursuit his only competitors were the Spanish fishermen, who were not adepts in inveigling the finny tribe. His superior ability in this line made the business quite profitable, he often catching fish to the value of about \$30 in two or three hours. In the spring of 1867 he came to the village of Niles and embarked in the hotel and saloon business, which for seventeen years proved to be very remunerative. In 1884, having acquired a handsome competency, he retired to private life, and is now living in a substantial two-story residence, in a very desirable part of the town, enjoying the rest which he has so truly earned and richly deserves.

In 1856, Mr. Mathis was joined in marriage with Miss Lena Deabolt, a native of Alsace. Her

death occurred in 1884. Two of the nephews of our subject, William and Jacob, sons of his brother Jacob, of Alsace, are living with him. Jacob Mathis, Jr., married Miss Lena Laesser, and they have two children, Bertha and Lena.

Mr. Mathis is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in his political affiliation is a Democrat, but has never had time or inclination for public office. His first Presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. He has lived a quiet and unassuming life. Being at a very early age thrown upon his own resources, he had few advantages, educational or otherwise, and his success has been achieved by earnest efforts and good management.

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## REV. JOSEPH A. BOLLMANN.

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REV. JOSEPH A. BOLLMANN, of Sag Bridge, is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was born on the 7th of December, 1854. His father, Frederick Bollmann, was a goldsmith, born near Osnaburg, Germany, and came to America in 1840. Nine years later, in 1849, he married Miss Lena Dahme, a native of Muenster, Germany, who emigrated to the United States in 1842. By this union were born two children, the younger of whom is our subject. His first year's education was obtained in the public schools of Springfield, Ohio, after which he attended the high school of the same city. He studied the classics in Mount St. Mary's, in Cincinnati, and after completing the prescribed course entered the school of St. Viator at Kankakee, where he took the theological course, being graduated from that institution in 1880. He was ordained on the 17th of June of the same year by Bishop Spalding, of Peoria, Ill. During the last two years of his

course he was a teacher of Latin and Greek in the college.

Rev. Mr. Bollmann's first pastoral work was as assistant to Father Barrett, of St. Stephen's Church of Chicago, where he spent three months, and then he went to Lemont as assistant priest to Rev. J. E. Hogan, of St. Patrick's Church, thus serving for two years. In 1882 he was made priest in charge of St. James' Church at Sag Bridge, being the first resident pastor at that place. There he built the parochial residence, enlarged the church edifice, and built a steeple to it. This church is of stone, beautifully situated in the midst of a natural forest, on the summit of a hill, commanding a fine view of the country around. Here Father Bollmann has passed twelve years in the midst of a community of farmers. Although he has been offered the pastorate of wealthy city churches in Chicago, he prefers to remain where he can live close to nature, of which

he is a great lover. His leisure time he spends in reading the classics, of which he is very fond, in fishing, hunting, and in studying the things of nature, which are always interesting to a man of his education and bent of mind. Genial and kindly by nature, with an eye single to the ad-

vancement of his parishioners in material as well as spiritual matters, Rev. Mr. Bollmann fills a place in which he finds pleasure and success and enjoys the profound respect and regard of those of his own church over whom he has charge, and those of other denominations as well.

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## WILLIAM NETTSTRAETER.

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REV. WILLIAM NETSTRAETER, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Wilmette, is a native of Prussia, his birth having occurred in that country at Meschede, on the 1st of January, 1843. His parents were Frank and Josephine Frances (Sels) Netstraeter. The former came to America in 1867 and spent his remaining days in this country. The mother died when her son William was a lad of only about eight summers.

The primary education of Father Netstraeter was obtained in the public schools of his native town, and subsequently at the college of Arnberg, from which he was graduated at the age of twenty years. He then entered the University of Muenster to prepare for the work of the ministry. Here he studied for a period of two years, and then went to Paderborn to continue his studies, until the year 1867, which witnessed his emigration to America, whither he had been called by the president of St. Francis' Seminary of Milwaukee. There he completed his theological studies, and entered the ministry in September, 1867. His first appointment was at Gross Point, Illinois, where he served for a few months as assistant pastor. Shortly afterwards he was removed to Lincoln, Illinois, where he had charge of all the German Catholics in Logan and McLean Counties. He organized congregations in Lincoln, Bloomington, Pulaski, Atlanta and several small country places, and through his instrumentality houses of worship were erected at the first two above-named towns.

On the expiration of a period of five years, Father Netstraeter was recalled to Gross Point to become pastor of the church at that place, and still continues his ministerial labors there. The membership of the church has largely increased, and several congregations have been cut off from the original society. During the first two years of his residence here he also had charge of the church at Highland Park. The congregation at Wilmette was organized in December, 1845, by Father G. H. Plathe. A block church was first built, and all the Catholics for thirty miles around worshipped here. Afterwards a frame church was erected, and in 1869 a large brick edifice was built and an extensive addition was made in 1892. The present seating capacity of the building is six hundred, with standing room for two hundred more. It is now the intention to build within a few years a new house of worship and use the present church for school purposes and assembly rooms. At an early day a school was organized in connection with the church, and at this writing (in the fall of 1894) about three hundred and fifty pupils are instructed therein.

Father Netstraeter is not only an able minister, but manifests a keen interest in all worthy public enterprises which are calculated to advance the welfare of the community. He has taken an active interest in the growth and development of the village of Wilmette, which has sprung into existence during his residence here. He served for eight years as Trustee of the village and twice during that time was called to the Presidency of



the Board. He platted a subdivision of the town, and owns some choice property there. Father Netstraeter is a deep student, an able speaker and writer, and a progressive and useful citizen. His

practical methods and kindly manners have greatly endeared him to the congregation to whom he has ministered for so many years.

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## EUGENE BURHANS.

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**E**UGENE BURHANS, who since November 1, 1889, has held the position of depot master at the Chicago station of the Rock Island and Lake Shore Railways, is a native of the Empire State. He was born in Kingston, Ulster County, on the 26th of March, 1851, and is a son of William P. and Catherine (Folant) Burhans. The father died January 18, 1892, in Bristol, Indiana, when seventy-three years of age. He, too, was born in Kingston, New York, and was of Holland descent. His ancestors crossed the Atlantic in an early day, settling in New York in the seventeenth century. The father was a shoemaker by trade and carried on a shoe store in Kingston for many years, but at length disposed of his business interests in the East and in 1867 removed to Bristol, Indiana, where his remaining days were passed. The mother of Eugene died during his infancy. She, too, was born in Kingston, where many of her relatives still live. The Folant family is also of Holland origin. After the death of his first wife Mr. Burhans was united in marriage with Mrs. Uretta (Smith) Heald, who is still living in Bristol, Indiana. She proved to Eugene a kind and faithful mother, taking the place of the one whom he had lost.

Mr. Burhans, whose name heads this record, acquired his education in the public schools of his native town, and at the age of fourteen he started out in life for himself. He began to learn the trade of a confectioner, serving a three-years apprenticeship to the same. At the age of seventeen he accompanied his parents on their removal

to Indiana, and after spending two years on the farm he resumed work at his trade at South Bend. Subsequently he abandoned that business and was made a member of the police force in that city, thus serving some time.

While in the Hoosier State Mr. Burhans was married, on the 23d of November, 1871, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah M. Finch, daughter of Hiram Finch, a pioneer of St. Joseph County, Indiana. She was born in New York, and died on the 14th of December, 1882, in her twenty-ninth year, leaving three children: Ella, now the wife of L. A. Babcock, of Chicago; Emma; and William, who makes his home in Bristol, Indiana. Mr. Burhans was again married, in November, 1888, his second union being with Mrs. Mary E. Boys, a sister of his first wife. She had one child by her former marriage, a daughter, Maud.

Mr. Burhans arrived in Chicago in September, 1883, and secured employment in the repair shops of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company. He afterwards became assistant depot master, and since the 1st of November, 1889, he has held the position of depot master, the duties of which he discharges in a creditable and acceptable manner. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue Lodge of Englewood and the Chapter of Normal Park. In politics he has been a life-long Republican.

During his connection with the railroad interests of Chicago, Mr. Burhans and his fellow-officers have twice been confronted by gigantic strikes on the part of organized workmen. In these emerg-



encies the corporations whom he serves have ever found in him a faithful adherent and a powerful ally, in every way worthy of the confidence reposed in him. At the same time he has won the

respect and good-will of the traveling public, who always regard him as a prompt and accommodating gentleman.

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## WILLIAM D. GORDON.

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**W**ILLIAM DENNIS GORDON, Auditor of Receipts in the Treasurer's office of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 15th of April, 1860, and is a son of Dennis and Frances A. (Chandlee) Gordon, the latter's parents being natives of Baltimore, Maryland. On the paternal side the family is of Scotch origin. The grandfather of our subject, Benjamin Gordon, was a native of Scotland, and, having emigrated to the New World, he engaged in the United States Naval Service, under Commodore Decatur. He took part in the expedition to Algiers, and during that trip lost his life. His wife was a native of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon both died when their son Dennis was a child of six summers.

The latter was reared and educated in the South, and in 1858 started westward, hoping thereby to benefit his financial condition. He took up his residence in St. Louis, where he engaged in business as a dealer in boots and shoes, carrying on operations along that line until the war broke out, when he enlisted among the Mounted Patrol. He was afterwards connected with the police force of the city until the war ended. In 1869 he came to Chicago and engaged with the Illinois Central Railroad as Depot Passenger and Ticket Agent. He was also employed in a similar capacity with the Michigan Central Railroad, and to this work devoted his energies until his death, which resulted from accident. During the severe snow storm of February 14, 1885, he was run over by an engine, and death resulted. He was at that time

sixty-seven years of age. His wife still survives him and is yet living in Chicago. She is a daughter of Lewis and Ann Chandlee. Her mother was a Quaker, and died in Chicago in 1874, at the very advanced age of ninety-two years.

In the Gordon family were nine children, four sons and five daughters, namely: Thomas B., who was accidentally killed on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad in November, 1891; Lewis C., who was accidentally killed on the same road in November, 1889, while serving as a conductor, in which capacity his brother was also employed; George E., who is now in the Treasurer's office of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Road; William D. of this sketch; Margaret; Susan C.; Nellie; Charlotte, wife of P. F. Webster, of Chicago; and Sarah E., wife of George M. Black, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The subject of this sketch was a child of nine years when his parents came to Chicago. He attended the Cottage Grove public school, from which he graduated in 1877, and later was a student in the Mosley High School. At the age of eighteen he entered upon his business career as city buyer for A. G. Spaulding & Bros., the leading dealers in sporting goods in the city. Two years were thus passed, after which he entered the Treasurer's office of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company. He began work there in May, 1880, in the humble capacity of office boy, and attained his present position by a series of well-merited promotions.

On December 31, 1889, Mr. Gordon wedded Miss Anna Mary McPherson, daughter of John W.

McPherson, of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, in which place Mrs. Gordon was born. Their union has been blessed with two daughters, Margaret McPherson and Dorothy Chandlee. The family attends the Forty-first Street Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gordon is a member of the Masonic fraternity and on questions of State and National

importance is a Democrat, but at local elections, where no issue is involved, he votes independent of party ties. During his fourteen years' connection with the office of which he is an important factor, Mr. Gordon has become one of the most indispensable employes thereof.

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## PETER WOHLER.

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PETER WOHLER is at the head of a leading industry, being engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors and stairs in Chicago. He was born in Fehmer, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 28th of January, 1846, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Kolbaum) Wohler. He acquired his education in the common schools, and at the age of sixteen entered upon his business career. It was then that he began to learn the trade of cabinet-making, serving an apprenticeship of four and a-half years, during which he completely mastered the business, becoming an expert workman.

The year 1866 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Wohler in America. He sought a home in Chicago, where he obtained employment in a furniture factory, and subsequently secured a situation in a sash and door factory, located at the corner of Clark and Twelfth Streets. Three years later he was offered a position in a stair factory and became foreman of the business. After the great fire which swept away so much of the city in October, 1871, he established a factory of his own at the corner of Centre Avenue and Eighteenth Street. His place of business was subsequently changed to Twenty-first Street, near Laflin, his present location, where he now manufactures sash and

doors and does stair work. He also carries on contracting and building, and does a good business, employment being furnished to over one hundred workmen. Having thoroughly learned his trade in boyhood, he is enabled to turn out the finest and most skillful work and to superintend his employes to the best advantage.

In January, 1869, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Wohler and Mary Jubekel, a native of Holstein, Germany. Five children have been born of their union: Lena, now the wife of C. Shreiber, of Chicago; Lucy, Sophia, Emma and Anna. The mother of this family, who was a devout member of the Lutheran Church and a highly respected lady, died on the 17th of May, 1892, at the age of forty-two years.

In his social relations, Mr. Wohler is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Order of Druids and the National Turners. In his political views he is a Republican, and cast his first Presidential vote for U. S. Grant in 1868. He came to Chicago with no capital except a good trade, thoroughly learned, and his success is due to his own skill, integrity and perseverance. He may truly be called a self-made man, and his example may well serve to encourage those who, like himself, have to start out in life empty handed.

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## JOHN N. GAGE.

JOHN NEWTON GAGE. The subject of this sketch was born in Pelham, New Hampshire, May 30, 1825, unto Nathan and Meritable (Woodbury) Gage. Being brought up on a farm, a fact which holds true of most of our leading pioneer citizens, his early educational advantages were limited to such common schools as the ubiquitous energy so characteristic of New England Puritans and their descendants had at that early date made possible at the scene of his nativity. At about twenty years of age, he put forth his "best foot" in taking the first step upon his pathway through life, and though he often found the way beset with difficulties, yet he was always found bravely and tirelessly at work, performing his tasks as a man and Christian in the best of the light given unto him.

His first independent work was in the Waltham (Massachusetts) Cotton Company's Mills, where, in he later became overseer in its weaving-room. After a period of eight years of such service, making it his determination to come West, he took private evening lessons in bookkeeping, so as not to interfere with the discharge of his paid duties, which he finally resigned to others (and, we fain believe, less competent) hands. He set out for Chicago, the distant but much-sought *El Dorado* of our country at that time, which he first saw, spread out in a panorama almost as Nature's God had made it, in the spring of 1857.

He soon met with co-operative energies in the persons of Christopher C. and Daniel Webster, with whom he directly entered into articles of partnership, establishing one of the earliest wholesale and retail millinery houses of our city, known then by the firm style of Webster & Gage,

their first place of business being located on Lake Street. Having the misfortune of being burned out in 1857, they re-opened at No. 78 Lake Street, where they continued until the withdrawal of the Websters, about 1868. Mr. Gage took into a new partnership formed at that time a brother, Seth Gage, and a nephew, Albert S. Gage, under the new name of Gage Brothers & Company, a name retained to this day (after a brief interval of change to A. S. Gage & Company), by which the house has continued to grow and remain known throughout the entire West and Northwest.

Being burned out by the Great Fire, they set up temporarily in A. S. Gage's private house, until they were enabled to re-open for a period of two months in a temporary structure upon the Lake Front. From this location they removed to Wabash Avenue, near Jackson, thence to the corner of Madison Street and Wabash Avenue, where the trade still finds them profitably busy, one of the noted houses of the city.

The subject of this sketch sold out to his partner, A. S. Gage, about 1878. Thereafter, though in excellent health, he lived a life of respected retirement until the sad event of his demise from blood poisoning, following upon what seemed to be a trivial complaint, June 11, 1887, at his mansion house, No. 1308 Michigan Avenue, whence his remains were borne to the family lot in Oakwood Cemetery.

The following is a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Directors of the Wright & Lawther Oil and Lead Manufacturing Company on this sad occasion:

"WHEREAS, Death having taken from us our esteemed fellow-member and Vice-President, Mr.

John N. Gage, one of the founders of this company, who died June 11, 1887, it is hereby

*"Resolved:* That in the death of Mr. John N. Gage the company has suffered an irreparable loss. Appreciating, as we do, his worth as a man, his careful, just and conservative business methods, we can never fully fill his place in the Company's affairs;

*"Resolved:* That the heartfelt sympathy of each and every member of this Board is felt for his family in their great loss and affliction; and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to them, and also spread upon the records of this Company."

In politics he was an inflexible Republican, always casting his ballot, but as carefully avoiding any approach towards active politics. In religious faith he was liberal, having for many years attended Dr. Ryder's church, St. Paul's Universalist, whose pastor held and was held in mutual esteem from as far back as the early '60s.

And so, with little variety or romance, lived and died one of the sturdiest, most useful of our citizens. Subsequent generations, with more leisure and wealth, may develop more elegance and refinement; but to men of Mr. Gage's virile stamp the city of Chicago (as well as the entire West, yes, in truth, all new countries) owes the foundation stones of future greatness and prosperity. Without the first courses of masonry there can never be builded high superstructures, with ornate, elaborate and admirable dome and spire. What Washington, Jefferson, the Adamses and others were to the infant colonies, struggling for very existence and recognition as an independent nation, such were Mr. Gage and his associates to Chicago. Most of them are now gathered to their fathers, but their deeds are immortal. That Chicago is now the wonder and envy of the world is mainly owing to the persistent, honest efforts early and late of such citizens as Mr. Gage fitly typifies.

Mr. Gage married, December 15, 1849, at the scene of his nativity, Miss Martha Webster, by whom, fortunately, he left one child, a son, to bear his esteemed name, Frank Newton Gage, who was born July 24, 1853. After receiving a good education in Chicago, he entered his father's store, but later withdrew, and is at present an active member of the Stock Exchange. He mar-

ried, in 1889, Olive E. Lewis, of this city, who has borne him a son, John Newton Gage, named for his grandfather, the subject of this sketch.

Martha Webster is a daughter of Enoch and Betsy Webster (relatives before marriage) born in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Enoch was a son of Caleb Webster, of Revolutionary fame. Betsy was a daughter of Stephen Webster. Mrs. Gage is thus related through both her parents to the greatest of America's statesmen and orators, Daniel Webster, of Marshfield, Massachusetts. She is also related to the famous Mrs. Dustin, of Colonial times. Captured by Indians, who dashed out the brains of her sleeping babe, she was marched miles into the wilderness. While her captors were asleep, she loosened her fetters, and, having slain every colored face of them, safely made her return home, as set out in graphic early historical authorities. Of all the heroines of "good old colony times," and there were thousands of such, it has always appeared that she was queen of them all by this single episode.

The family of Gage (which is of Norman extraction) derives its descent from one De Gaga (Gauga or Gage), who accompanied William the Conqueror into England in 1066. After the "Conquest" he was rewarded by a large grant of land in the forests of Dean, Gloucester County, adjacent to which he fixed his abode and erected a family seat at Clerenwell (otherwise Clarewell). He also built a large mansion house in the town of Chichester, wherein he died, and was buried in the neighboring abbey. His posterity remained in the vicinity for many generations, in credit and esteem, of whom there were Barons in Parliament in the reign of Henry II. The line from the beginning of the fifteenth century has been traced as follows: John Gage had a son, John Gage, born 1408; married Joan Sudgrove. Their son was Sir John, knighted 1454; married Eleanor St. Clere; died September, 1486. William, Esquire, born 1456; married Agnes Bolney. Their son, Sir John, born 1480, knighted May 22, 1541; married Phillippa Guilderford; died April 28, 1557. Their eldest son, Sir Edward, knighted by Queen Mary, married Elizabeth Parker. Their son, John, Esquire (eldest of nine



sons), thirty years old at his father's death; heir to fifteen manors and other Sussex lands. John (nephew) made Baronet March 26, 1622; married Penelope, widow of Sir George Trenchard; died October 3, 1633.

John (second son), of Stoneham, Suffolk County, England, came to America with John Winthrop, Jr., landing at Salem June 12, 1630; in 1633 one of twelve proprietors of Ipswich; wife Anna died in June, 1658; married (2d) Mary Keyes, November, 1658; moved to Rowley 1664; held many responsible offices of trust and fidelity in Ipswich and Rowley, in which latter place he died in 1673. Daniel (second son) married

Sarah Kimball in 1675; died November 8, 1705. Daniel, born March 12, 1676; married Martha Burbank, March 9, 1697; settled on the banks of the Merrimac River, on the main road to Methuen, where the old Gage House, the oldest in town, still stands. Died March 14, 1747. Daniel (third son), born April 22, 1708, removed to Pelham, New Hampshire; died September 24, 1775. David (fourth son), born August 9, 1750. Nathan (fifth), the father of the subject of this sketch, whose son and grandson, enumerated herein, bring the record up to the extraordinary number of seventeen consecutive male generations.

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## EDWARD McK. TEALL.

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**EDWARD MCKINSTRY TEALL.** The development of the insurance business has kept pace with the growth of other commercial enterprises and has assumed such magnitude and variety, and become so complex and at the same time so vital to life and property, that it must now be regarded as one of the important industries of the United State. The last few years have seen reductions in the rates of insurance, and corresponding advantages to property-holders, in Chicago, in consequence of the rapid development of the art of constructing fire-proof buildings and the great improvement in the facilities for checking and extinguishing fires. These important changes, which are still in progress, require prompt attention and action by the companies doing business here, for competition is just as fierce in this line of business as in any other. In fact, the sharp, but honorable, rivalry among insurance men has developed a number of experts in the business, men with sufficient mental penetration to foresee the result of changed conditions, and sufficient executive ability to carry out such

methods as are most likely to secure favorable results.

Among the most successful and systematic manipulators of this art is the gentleman whose name heads this notice. His birth occurred at Albany, New York, July 27, 1839, his parents being Edward McKinstry Teall and Eliza Perry. The founder of the family in America was Oliver Teall, who came from England and settled at New Haven, Connecticut, about 1723. His father had been Apothecary General to the British army, serving under the Duke of Marlborough during the reigns of William I. and Queen Anne. Prudence, the wife of Oliver Teall, who came with him to America, died at Killingsworth, Connecticut, June 24, 1780. Oliver Teall, second son of this couple, married Ruth Hurd and settled at Killingsworth. He served as a Surgeon in the British Army during the French and Indian War, and also during the War of the American Revolution, maintaining his loyalty to the crown throughout his life. Five of his sons, Timothy, Titus, Oliver, Joseph and Nathan,

served in the Continental army. Father and sons were mutually antagonized by their loyalty to their respective causes, and never became reconciled. Another son, named Benjamin, having lost an eye during his childhood, was thus incapacitated for military service and did not participate in the conflict.

Oliver Teall (third) was born in Middletown, Connecticut, January 1, 1759. When only sixteen years old he enlisted under General Putnam, Captain Gale's company, and afterward served in Captain Hyde's company, which was successively stationed at Fort Trumbull and at Providence, Rhode Island. He was subsequently assigned to Colonel Sommers' command at Germantown, Pennsylvania. He was one of the devoted band which endured the historic hardships of Valley Forge, where his brother Titus died of smallpox. Later in the war he was stationed at West Point and on the Highlands. He acted as guard to General Washington and his family while they attended church. After peace came he married Susan, daughter of Col. Brinton Paine, of Dutchess County, New York. They settled at Upper Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York, where he became a prosperous farmer. They were the parents of twelve children. His death occurred at Albany on the 18th of September, 1842, aged eighty-two years.

Col. Brinton Paine, who was an officer of the Continental army, was a descendant of Stephen Paine, who came to Massachusetts in 1638, and became one of the leading citizens of the colony. He was one of the chief contributors to the prosecution of the Indian wars. His son Stephen was present at the great swamp fight in which King Philip's band was exterminated.

Edward M. Teall, Sr., was a son of Oliver Teall, third. He became a prominent merchant of Albany, and was also proprietor of one of the first lines of boats on the Erie Canal. He did a general forwarding business, and the *Chicago American* of April 9, 1839, the first issue of a daily paper in this city, contained his business advertisement. He was for many years influential in New York politics. Eliza Perry was born at Lenox, Massachusetts. Her father, Freder-

ick Perry, who was a son of a clergyman, was a native of Connecticut. He was a graduate of Williams College, and became a cotton manufacturer at Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

The subject of this biography received his primary education in private schools, and afterward became a student in the academy of Albany. In the spring of 1857 he came to Chicago and soon after secured employment as a clerk in the insurance office of Higginson & James. This line of business was then in its infancy, and the most sanguine enthusiasm could not have foreseen the extent to which that industry would be developed. He went to work with a will, and his fidelity, thoroughness and aptitude soon won the confidence and good-will of his employers. In 1863 he became one of the partners of the firm of Alfred James & Company, which continued to transact business for about three years. Their place of business was at the southeast corner of South Water and Clark Streets, which location was the center of the insurance business at that time. He afterward formed a partnership with Frederick P. Fisher, a relation which continued for ten years, during one of the most important eras of the insurance business in the West. At the end of that period the present firm of Edward M. Teall & Company was formed, Cyrus A. Hardy, a trusted clerk of the former firm, being the junior member. Mr. Teall is one of the Directors of the Westchester Fire Insurance Company of New York, and in addition to serving the local interests of that corporation the firm represents several leading insurance companies of other cities. The business in its charge is conservatively and honorably conducted, and the firm enjoys the confidence of the public and of underwriters to a remarkable degree. Mr. Teall is President of the Chicago Fire Underwriters' Association, and has been for a number of years.

On the 11th of June, 1862, Mr. Teall was married to Miss Katherine Mead, of New York City, daughter of Isaac H. Mead and Rachel Van Voorhees Demorest. Mrs. Teall's maternal grandfather was also a native of New York City, being a scion of a very old and well-known family of that municipality. Mr. Teall has been for many



years a member of the Third Presbyterian Church of Chicago, in which he officiates as Trustee and Elder. He is a member of the Illinois Club, and Deputy Governor of the Society of Colonial Wars of the State of Illinois, which he helped to organize. He is also a member of the Illinois Society of Sons of the American Revolution, and still preserves the Teall coat-of-arms granted to the family by George I. in 1723. He has been

often urged to enter the arena of politics, has been tendered important nominations by the Republican party, of which he is an active and distinguished member, but prefers to devote himself to his business, home and social duties. For recreation, he and his wife have always spent the summer at their beautiful farm and summer home in the Berkshire Hills, Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

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## ARTHUR G. BURLEY.

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**A**RTHUR GILMAN BURLEY. The year 1812 is a national epoch, for at that time the United States, for a second time within the easy memory of man, started in to chastise the British Lion. What events of world-wide significance have transpired during those more than eighty intervening years! To think of it is like a dream: to have predicted it, would have resulted in that day in an *inquiendo de lunico* proceeding concerning the lack of brain matter in the bold transgressor of common sense who should prophesy. Two years later, Robert Fulton was making his (the very first) steamboat trial upon the Hudson River. Then came steam as applied to locomotives, which has done more than anything else in so rapidly opening up the great interior and West of our immense country, whereas, before, ox-carts and canal-boats were the most approved forms of transportation of chattels, prior to the advent of the "prairie schooner," which shortly preceded the "Union Pacific." The telegraph, reapers, thousandfold manufactories, electric light and locomotion (not to mention scores of other wonderful economic and utilitarian inventions of more recent date within the present century), all cry out that, in point of actual comfort and intelligent means of effecting

business ends, the world has since that year 1812 done almost more than had been done in the hundreds and thousands of years which had preceded. And all this within the memory of living men; yes, within the memory of one now living in our midst, who, wonderful to relate, like Gladstone, an octogenarian, is still in the harness of active business life. We who live in Chicago know what that means in this day. Honor to whom honor is due!

Arthur Gilman Burley, the subject of this sketch, was born in the aforesaid year of 1812, upon the fourth day of October, at Exeter, New Hampshire, unto James and Charlotte I. (Gilman) Burley, his father being the Cashier of the Exeter Bank.

The Burleys are regarded Down East as "good stock;" that seems to be the prevailing opinion in our city, from all that is thus far known of them in our midst. The first by the name who came to our shores was Giles Burley, who, with his wife, Elizabeth, settled at Ipswich, Massachusetts, in the year 1648. Here, in 1664, he took the proper oath and became a "commoner." He was also a "planter," and lived eight years of his useful life upon Brooke Street of that ancient town, and owned "Division Lot No. 105, on



Great Hill, Hogg Island," in that vicinage. He had a son, Andrew Burley, who was born at Ipswich, September 5, 1657. The latter married Mary, a daughter of the rather celebrated Roger Conant. Upon the death of his father, while in childhood, he was bound out (as was the old custom) to one John Brown. He was called in records "husbandman and yeoman," and bore the rather dignified title of "Cornet." He had a son, Hon. Andrew Burley, who was born at Ipswich in June, 1694. His career was replete with honors, including among others the positions of Justice of the Court of Sessions and Representative to the State Legislature in the years 1741 and 1742. He acquired, and left intact, a large estate. He was twice married; first, to Lydia Pengry, by whom he had six children; secondly, to Mrs. Hannah Burnham. He had a son, Andrew Burley, Jr., who married a Mrs. Hannah Cogswell (a daughter of his father's wife). He graduated at Harvard College in 1742, and lived on Brooke Street in Ipswich (near the location of his first American progenitor), upon land formerly granted to Governor Dudley's son Samuel.

He left a son, James Burley, who was by trade a cabinet-maker, also an officer in the Revolutionary War. The latter married Susannah Swazey, and died in Exeter, New Hampshire, leaving a son, James Burley, Jr., who has been already noticed as the father of the subject of this sketch.

Arthur Gilman Burley received for his education the best that the common schools of his native Exeter had to offer, which information was somewhat rounded out by a supplementary year at the Exeter Academy. He resolutely turned his young face toward the distant West at the age of twenty-three, reaching his future home, Chicago, on the seventeenth day of May, 1835. (Sixty long years ago. Imagine the appearance at that time of the country which is at present covered by our fair city! How many of the comers of that day are yet in the flesh?)

Mr. Burley first worked as clerk for John Holbrook in a boot and shoe shop for about two years. In 1837 he went to New York City, to buy for his brother-in-law, Stephen F. Gale, a

stock of books and stationery (one of the very first to be imported among us), and remained with Mr. Gale for about two years following.

In 1838 the crockery business of the Northwest was founded by Mr. Burley, who bought from the State Bank of Illinois a stock of such goods, his place of trade being then located at the corner of La Salle and Lake Streets. He has been in that business ever since, a period of over fifty-seven years, and is now regularly on duty at the old stand.

He was burned out in 1842, and then moved to No. 105 Lake Street, later to No. 175 on the same thoroughfare, where, in 1852, he was joined by a brother-in-law, Mr. John Tyrrell, who came on from New Hampshire to enter into a partnership. This still continues in operation, being incorporated under the firm style and name, "Burley & Tyrrell, Importers and Dealers of Crockery, Chicago."

They had built their own quarters at No. 48 Lake Street about 1857, but, fortunately, had disposed of the same before the time of the Great Fire in 1871. They still had their store located therein, which, of course, went up in smoke and down to the ground in ashes. After this fire they had a temporary office at the corner of State and Sixteenth Streets; then occupied a store for about three years at the corner of Van Buren and Wabash; then removed to No. 83 State Street; and finally to Nos. 42, 44 and 46 Lake Street, which premises they continue to occupy at this time. Having found it cheaper to rent, they have never cared to build.

Mr. Burley also had the misfortune of having his home burned up in 1874, when he was living below Harrison Street. He is now, as for a long time, cosily situated at No. 1620 Indiana Avenue.

Although an unostentatious man, Mr. Burley has been a very prominent figure in social and business matters for very many years. Few indeed, if any, can antedate him in this relation. He aided in the formation of the First Unitarian Church (since called the Messiah) in 1836, one of the oldest and foremost in the entire Northwest, and of which he has always been a most interested and conspicuous member.

In politics, he has always been, since the days of the Whigs were no more, a consistent Republican, but in no sense or wish a public character. A true exemplifier of the best principles of Free Masonry, with which he affiliated as early as 1848, he has never cared to go to the height of degrees his proficiency and long service would have richly entitled him to, and undoubtedly have brought choice flowers of honor in their train, but he has been Treasurer of Oriental Lodge for forty-two years. He was also for a time much interested in the mysteries of Odd-Fellowship.

Not at heart a club man, he has nevertheless been a member of the Calumet, as he is at present upon the roll of the Chicago Club. Very domestic in habits, he is not frequently found in the

circle of club *habitués*. In public affairs and whatever promotes the business and social good and welfare of the community, Mr. Burley always is an interested, and usually a participating, citizen. Young in enthusiasm, certainly he bears his laurel of years gracefully, as we will sincerely hope he may long live to do.

Upon the twenty-fourth day of September, 1849, Mr. Burley was joined in marriage with Welthy-an Loomis Harmon, who comes of a good old-time Down-East family. It is regretted that no children have been born to them to perpetuate the name and further the noble traits the family has conspicuously borne up to this time in the history of our country.

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## ROBERT R. CLARK.

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**R**OBERT RODMAND CLARK, an early resident of Lake View, now a part of Chicago, is descended from English ancestors and was born in Clarkson, Monroe County, New York, May 24, 1831. His great-grandfather, William Clark, came from England and located first on the Hudson River, at Albany, New York, later removing to the Mohawk Valley. He was possessed of some means, and dealt in realty during his residence in America. His son William had large holdings of lands and farms in central New York, and was one of the first American importers of Morocco leather, having his headquarters at Utica, New York, his native place. He was among the first settlers of Monroe County, and the town of Clarkson was named for him and another settler of the same name, though no rela-

tive, who located there in the same year. He died there at the age of sixty-eight years. Five of his seven children, four sons and a daughter, grew to maturity.

The third of these, William L. Clark, born in Utica, was about twenty years old when his parents moved to Clarkson. He married Cornelia Stewart, a native of Wyoming County, New York. Her parents, Daniel and Sallie (Fish) Stewart, were children of native Scotch parents, and were born in Chemung County, New York. She lived to the age of eighty-two years, passing away at the home of her son in Lake View in 1886. William L. Clark was an extensive farmer, but lost heavily in speculation in later life. He was an upright man, and reached the age of seventy-two years, dying in Lake View in 1876.



He was affiliated with the Universalist Church, while his wife adhered to the Presbyterian teachings of her fathers. They were the parents of three children. The eldest, Sallie, is the widow of George B. Marsh, now residing in Chicago; and the youngest, Laura, is the wife of Charles L. Bassett, of LaPorte, Indiana.

Robert R. Clark is the second child of his parents. He combines in a happy degree the sturdy qualities of physical and mental make-up of his ancestors. When a mere boy he determined to recover his father's lost homestead as a home for his parents, and before he had reached the age of twenty years had accomplished his purpose. Previous to the age of sixteen years he had the educational advantages afforded by the common schools, and he then went to Michigan, where he found employment as a school teacher. Returning for a short time to the home farm, he became, in his eighteenth year, check clerk on board the steamer "Empire State," plying between Buffalo and Chicago, then the finest vessel on the Lakes. He was subsequently on board the "Wisconsin" one year, and returned, as chief clerk, to the "Empire State," where he continued five years. He also served on the "Southern Michigan" and "Western Metropolis," all these boats being the property of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. The last two only ran from Buffalo to Monroe or Toledo, where they connected with that portion of the railroad completed from Chicago to those points. Mr. Clark was on board the steamer "Northern Indiana" when it burned on Lake Erie, one beautiful morning, off Point au Place, with a loss of between four and five hundred passengers. Being a good swimmer, he remained on board until the fire had swept to the stern of the vessel (because of its propulsion toward the shore), and after entering the water saved several passengers by giving up to them doors which he had wrenched from the staterooms for his own use. He was finally picked up by a boat bound for Buffalo, and made his regular trip out of that port on another vessel the night of the same day. When the "Golden Gate" was

wrecked on the bar at the mouth of Erie Harbor, a short time later, Mr. Clark was on board, and was saved with all the rest save one, who tried to swim ashore in the midst of the wreckage. The wreck was continually swept by the waves, but it was safer than the choppy bay, full of the floating cargo of the "Golden Gate." All who remained on board were safely conveyed to shore by a Government vessel in the morning. With the exception of one year, which was spent as receiver in charge of the ticket office at Buffalo, Mr. Clark continued in the marine service until he settled in Chicago in 1857.

Having made some successful investments in Chicago during his previous visits here, he decided to settle here, a resolution which was, probably, strengthened by his marriage, in 1857, to one of Chicago's fair daughters. This was Miss Blanche, only daughter of the late Daniel Elston, one of Cook County's most worthy and honored pioneers. In 1859 Mr. Clark turned his attention to the fuel trade, and later dealt in lumber, but his chief occupation has been the handling of realty. For the last twenty years he has made a specialty of leasing residence property to others who would improve it, and has been largely instrumental in building up what was formerly a suburb known as Lake View, now a part of the great metropolis in name as well as in fact. He has naturally taken a keen interest in the moral and material welfare of that section, and has actively participated in the government of the town and village of Lake View. In political affiliation he is found with the Democratic party on national issues. In religious belief he is exceedingly liberal, and very independent in all thought and action. His early experience taught him self-reliance, and his history should serve as a worthy example to the ambitious young man. He is still the owner of the old homestead in New York. Mr. Clark is fond of hunting, and is a member of the Poygan Shooting Club, whose members spend much of the duck-hunting season on Lake Poygan, in Wisconsin.



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## GEORGE MORTIMER PULLMAN.

GEORGE M. PULLMAN was born in Brocton, Chautauqua County, New York, March 3, 1831, and is the third child of James Lewis and Emily Caroline Pullman. The father was a native of Rhode Island. Emily C. Pullman was the daughter of James Minton, of Auburn, New York. She was a good wife and mother, and assisted her husband in implanting in the minds of their children the best moral principles, while inculcating habits of industry and careful study. The father was a builder and house-mover, and George early began to observe his methods, while assisting in his operations. Some very useful appliances of the business are the invention of the elder Pullman. He died in 1853, and the responsibility of head of the family fell upon George, who was the eldest unmarried son. Through almost forty years of her widowhood, he was the stay and loving aid of his mother, who passed away in May, 1892, after seeing all her seven children occupying responsible and useful positions in life.

Royal H., the first-born, is pastor of the First Universalist Church of Baltimore. His interest in public affairs is demonstrated by the fact that he was the candidate of his party for Congress in 1890. Albert B., who died in 1893, occupied up to 1882 responsible positions in the Pullman Palace Car Company, which is the creation of his younger brother, George. James M. Pullman, D. D., is pastor of the Universalist Church at Lynn, Massachusetts, the leading parish of that sect in America. Charles L. was, until September, 1894, contracting agent for the Pullman Company, but is now engaged in other business in Chicago; and Frank W. was Assistant United States District Attorney of New York, where he died in 1879. Helen A. is the wife of George

West, of New York; and Emma C. is the wife of Doctor William F. Fluhner, chief surgeon of Bellevue Hospital, New York.

George M. Pullman was always of a practical turn of mind, and was a diligent student of branches which were calculated to fit him for a business life. He enjoyed the benefit of a common-school education, and is remembered as an industrious and hard-working pupil. At the age of fourteen, he undertook to sustain himself, his first employment being that of a clerk at \$40 per year. Neither his remuneration nor his tastes or habits were likely to lead him into dissipation, and he seems to have done his work with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employer. At the end of the year he joined his eldest brother, who had a cabinet-making shop at Albion, New York. This pursuit was well calculated to prepare him for the subsequent conduct of the largest building and furnishing enterprise in the world, though he was, probably, wholly unconscious of his future at that time. He persevered and was faithful, because it was part of his nature, as well as the natural result of his teachings and early surroundings. He continued in the cabinet work until the death of his father, in 1853. The long illness of the head of the family, who wasted away in gradual decline, had exhausted the means of the common purse, so that the widow was confronted with the necessity of providing for herself and her minor children. In doing this, she was not left to battle alone, for her son George at once took up the responsibility of head of the household and relieved her of financial burdens.

The Erie Canal was about to be enlarged, and the commissioners had asked for bids for raising or removing many buildings along its banks. Young Pullman was the successful bidder on some



of these contracts, and so well did he manage his enterprise that he was enabled to maintain the family in comfort, and arrived in Chicago in 1859 with a capital of \$6,000 as the result of his savings. About this time the courts decided that Chicago had the power to grade the streets, and he quickly found ample employment in raising the buildings to correspond with the grade. Probably but few of the modern residents of the city know that the streets of the South Side are some ten feet above the original prairie level, and that the buildings standing in 1856 had to be raised that distance to meet the street level. In 1860 Mr. Pullman was occupying a lot of two hundred feet front, at the corner of Washington and Franklin Streets, with his machinery and appliances, and a small one-story building for an office. He was full of the spirit of push and progress which animated Chicago in those days, and did not hesitate to enter upon undertakings of great magnitude. Among these was the lifting of the entire block of brick buildings facing the north side of Lake Street, between Clark and La Salle. This was successfully accomplished by the aid of six thousand jackscrews, without interruption to the business conducted in the structures, or the breaking of a single pane of glass or a yard of plaster.

A recent writer says: "His true mission was the creation of the sleeping-car system. \* \* \* Nowhere else has the matter of splendid, ingenious, artistic appliances for indoor comfort been carried to such a pitch as in the devising and constructing of the palace car, of which thousands have been built; and each year, if not each day and each car, brings a studied advance on its predecessor. \* \* \* Giving his days to labor and his nights to restful travel, a man may spread his field of usefulness over a continent, without the sapping of his strength or the shortening of his days."

The idea of the sleeping-car came to him one night while observing his fellow train-passengers buying head-rests from a vendor to mitigate the discomfort of an all-night ride. Soon after, he took passage on one of the "night cars" of the time, and while seeking repose on the comfortless

shelf provided, evolved the idea of the modern sleeper. His knowledge of cabinet-making here came to his aid, and he met and overcame many difficulties in the preparation of a model. The general plan varied but little from the present form, having comfortable berths that could be put away during the day, leaving a coach suitable for day travel. In 1859 he secured from the Chicago & Alton Railway two old passenger coaches to experiment with, and in an unused railway shed, on the present site of the Union Passenger Station at Chicago, he worked to realize his idea, wholly at his own expense. The result was the first pair of real "sleepers" in the country, which were put in successful operation on the night trains between Chicago and St. Louis.

This result did not deter him from an undertaking which he had for some time contemplated, namely, a trip to the gold fields of Colorado. After three years of mining, he returned to Chicago very little richer in purse, but with additions to his stock of experience. He now set to work to improve his original design of sleeping-cars, which no one had had the shrewdness to take advantage of during his absence. The cars which he had remodeled were too small and not of sufficient strength to carry out his ideas, and he set to work to construct one especially for the purpose. The car must be higher, the berths wider, and more taste and elegance employed in its furnishing. At an expenditure of one year's time and \$18,000 in money, he produced the first real "palace car." It was named the "Pioneer," and is now stored in honorable retirement at Pullman; but it was found to be too high to go under some of the viaducts spanning the railroads, and the wide steps would not pass the platforms of many stations. It began to look as if he must build a railroad to accommodate his invention. Just at this time the body of the martyred President, Lincoln, was to be brought from Washington to his native state, and the obstacles to the passage of the "Pioneer" were removed, in order that it might be employed in that sad funeral journey. It formed a part of the train which took the body to its last resting-place at Springfield. From that time the eastern

roads were open to it and its counterparts. The present wide use of the Pullman sleepers, in Europe as well as in America, is too well known to need comment. The history of the Pullman Palace Car Company is almost as well understood, though many who enjoy the facilities for comfortable travel afforded by it know little of the labors of its founder in establishing a happy and desirable home for its employes at Pullman.

The history of the great strike at Pullman and among railway employes in 1894 is also now a matter of history. During its progress Mr. Pullman maintained a dignified and consistent attitude, notwithstanding much harsh and unjust criticism; and the course of the Pullman Company in that struggle has been generally vindicated.

The *Nation*, in its issue of November 22, 1894, refers to the general feeling that the existence of the Government and of society itself was at stake in this strike, and that to give in to the strikers at that point, or at any point, would have been a deadly blow to liberty and the rights of property; and says: "What account of the circumstances accompanying this strike, which was not so much a strike as a social convulsion, can be complete if it leaves out the intense anxiety of the best citizens lest a fatal surrender of principle should be made?" \* \* \* "There were hundreds of thousands of the best American citizens who rejoiced with great joy at that critical moment that Mr. Pullman was unyielding;" and "Americans abroad anxiously scanned the fragmentary despatches and prayed fervently that Mr. Pullman would at any rate stand firm."

Mr. Pullman has been identified as an initial force with other large enterprises than the Palace Car Company, of which he is the head. Among these may be mentioned the Metropolitan Elevated Railway of New York, which was constructed in the face of determined and powerful opposition. He has taken an active interest in the project for the construction of a canal across the isthmus of Nicaragua. Another work in which he rendered great public service was in the distribution of relief funds after the great fire of 1871. At the earnest appeal of Mayor Mason,

he accepted the charge of disbursements as trustee, which was accomplished without the loss of a dollar, though to the detriment of his private interests through consumption of his time.

In private life Mr. Pullman is a patron of art and literature, and a supporter of elegance and refinement in society. In 1867 he married Miss Hattie A., daughter of James Y. Sanger (whose biography appears elsewhere in this work). Two daughters, who are active in philanthropic and religious work, and twin sons complete the family. They are: Florence Sanger; Harriet S., now the wife of Francis J. Carolan; George M., Jr., and Walter Sanger.

It has been Mr. Pullman's happy privilege to erect for the Universalist Society at Albion, New York, a memorial of his parents, in the form of a handsome and substantial church edifice. It is built of dark brown Medina stone, 125x80 feet in ground dimensions, with perfect furnishings and decorations. On the right and left, as one enters the auditorium, are placed the bronze medallion portraits of Mr. Pullman's father and mother. They were designed by Sculptor Carl Rohl Smith, of Chicago. They are oval, two feet five inches by one foot nine inches, and framed in a narrow moulding, ornamented with pearls. The tablet inscription is as follows:

Erected by a Son  
as a  
Memorial to His Father,  
JAMES LEWIS PULLMAN,  
In Recognition of His Love and Work for the  
Universalist Church and Its Faith,  
and  
In Memory of His Mother,  
EMILY CAROLINE PULLMAN,  
One with Her Husband in the Joys and Hopes of  
Religion.  
Dedicated January, 1895.

It is inclosed in a border composed of a wreath of ivy, the symbol of affection. A beautiful memorial window is in the west transept.

The dedicatory services were held on the last day of January, 1895, the sermon being delivered by Rev. R. H. Pullman, of Baltimore. At the installation of the pastor, on the same day, the



Rev. James M. Pullman, of Lynn, Massachusetts, preached the installation sermon, when the Rev. Charles Fluhrer, D. D., late of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was made pastor. Others who officiated

in the services were the Rev. Dr. C. H. Eaton, D. D., of New York; the Rev. Dr. J. K. Mason, D. D., of Buffalo; and the Rev. Asa Saxe, D. D., of Rochester.

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## CHARLES G. HUTCHINSON.

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CHARLES GROVE HUTCHINSON, a progressive and energetic business man of Chicago, was born in Williamsville, Erie County, New York, January 24, 1847, and is a son of William H. Hutchinson and Jane Grove. The Hutchinson family, which is, doubtless, of English origin, located in the Connecticut Colony as early as the seventeenth century. Joseph, the father of William H. Hutchinson, served through the War of 1812, as lieutenant of a company of Connecticut troops. He took part in the campaign about Fort Erie and Buffalo, and the close of the war found him stationed at Detroit. Soon after the cessation of hostilities he resigned his commission and settled in western New York. His sojourn in this locality during the war had revealed to him its pre-eminent advantages as an agricultural country. For many years he was landlord of the Mansion House at Williamsville. His death occurred in Chicago in 1877, at the age of seventy-nine years.

William H. Hutchinson, who was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, removed with his family to Chicago in the spring of 1849. Soon after coming to this city he began the manufacture of soda water, which he continued up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1880, at the age of sixty-five years. His place of business was at the corner of Randolph and Peoria Streets, where he erected a large factory, which escaped destruction in the Great Fire. The family residence, at the

corner of North State and Erie Streets, was swept away in that conflagration. His prompt loan of a quantity of soda-water boxes, which afforded admirable pigeon-holes at the time, enabled the postoffice to resume the distribution of the mails with little delay after the fire. He was ever a public-spirited citizen and an enthusiastic adherent of the Democratic party, contributing much of his time as an organizer and worker for its success, though always refusing to be himself a candidate for any office.

Mrs. Jane (Grove) Hutchinson was born in New York. Her father, who was a native of Pennsylvania, was of Dutch descent. The name was originally written Groff. While returning from a visit to Mackinaw, in 1856, Mrs. Hutchinson became a victim of one of the saddest disasters which ever occurred upon Lake Michigan, being one of the passengers of the ill-fated steamer "Niagara," which burned off Port Washington, Wisconsin. She was the mother of four sons: Chester M., of Hawthorne, Cook County, Illinois; William A., who is in the United States revenue service at Port Townsend, Washington; and George C. and Charles G., both of whom are residents of Chicago. William H. Hutchinson was married a second time, to Miss Mary M. Warner, of Williamsville, New York, and they became the parents of two sons, Douglas and Eugene, the latter of whom is now deceased, and the former resides in Chicago.



Charles G. Hutchinson attended the Washington School of Chicago until he was fifteen years old, after which he was a student for four years at the Military Academy at Fulton, Illinois. After the close of the Civil War—there being no further promise of demand for military service—he returned to Chicago, and became identified with his father's business, which he continued to conduct for some time after the death of its founder. In 1879, in company with his brother, George C. Hutchinson, he established a factory for the production of bottlers' supplies and extracts, under the firm name of W. H. Hutchinson & Son, which is still retained. Two years later the present factory on Desplaines Street was built, and about forty men are employed therein. The subject of this notice is also identified with several other important industries. He is a stockholder and Treasurer of the Independent Brewing Association, and President of the Chicago Fountain Soda Water Company. He is one of the stockholders

of the Coit Paint Company (incorporated), and is the inventor and patentee of the Hutchinson Spring Bottle Stopper, a unique and useful appliance, which has come into almost universal use.

Mr. Hutchinson is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with D. C. Cregier Lodge, Washington Chapter, Chicago Commandery, Knights Templar, Oriental Consistory and Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Like his father, he has been a life-long Democrat, but never seeks public position. He is an enthusiastic and successful sportsman, and makes frequent excursions to the woods of Northern Wisconsin for the purpose of indulging his taste for fishing and hunting. He is a member of the Eagle River Fishing and Shooting Club, and of the Cumberland Gun Club, two of the leading sportsmen's organizations of Chicago. In all his business and social relations he is deservedly popular, through his genial and social disposition and his kind and courteous manners.

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## GEORGE M. ROGERS.

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**G**EORGE MILLS ROGERS is not only distinguished as one of the foremost attorneys and jurists of Chicago, but has given much study and careful attention to the leading public questions of the day. He is well versed in problems relating to political economy and municipal reform, and his views are never narrowed by considerations of party policy, nor are his expressions colored by mere personal or mercenary motives. His professional integrity and his reputation as a citizen have been equally well maintained, and no modern record of Chicago's representative men would be complete without some notice of his achievements.

Mr. Rogers was born at Glasgow, Kentucky, on the sixteenth day of April, 1854, and is a son of the Hon. John Gorin Rogers and Arabella E. Crenshaw, extended notice of whom, together with the genealogy of their families, is given elsewhere in this volume. The subject of this sketch was but four years old when the family came to Chicago. He was educated at the public schools and the Chicago University, supplementing the instruction so received by a course at Yale College, from which famous institution he was graduated in 1876. He began his legal studies in the office of Crawford & McConnell, and continued the same in the Union College of Law—

now the law department of the Northwestern University.

In 1878 he was admitted to the Bar, and began practice in partnership with Samuel P. McConnell, a well-known barrister, since one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County. During the continuance of this partnership he was chosen attorney for the Citizens' Association, and was a member of the committee which prepared and secured the passage of the original reform city election law. He also personally prepared the primary election law, which was adopted verbatim by the committee of the association having that subject in charge, and was presented to the Legislature for adoption. Owing to the fact that this bill was in charge of Senator Crawford during its passage, it became known as the "Crawford Election Law."

His services in behalf of this association could not fail to attract attention to his signal ability as a lawyer and a statesman, and caused his appointment as Assistant City Attorney. This position he filled with such credit that, in 1886, he was appointed City Prosecuting Attorney, but owing to the ill-health of his wife, which demanded that he should travel with her, he resigned the office in April of the following year. After returning to the city he was appointed, in November, 1887, to the office of Assistant United States Attorney, but resigned that position in the following March, to re-engage in private law practice. With this business he has combined that of real-estate and loans, and his transactions have grown to such volume as to require the assistance of several clerks.

On the 1st of February, 1889, he was appointed a Master in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and has discharged the duties of that judicial office with such candor and impartiality as to earn and receive the approbation of courts, attorneys and litigants.

In 1893 it was deemed advisable by the leading lawyers of Chicago to take some practical steps toward the separation of judicial affairs from the contamination of political interests. With this end in view, they placed in nomination eight candidates for judicial positions, who were equally

divided in political affiliations between the two leading parties. Mr. Rogers received the highest vote of any candidate before the Bar Association—the total number being 1346, out of which he received 1222. This nomination came to him without any solicitation on his part, and, although the "party machine" which dominated the Democratic convention prevented the endorsement of his nomination, which he made no effort to secure, his endorsement by the members of the Bar, who were influenced by no political considerations, but by a desire to elevate the judiciary and purify the administration of justice, was regarded as a far greater compliment than an election as a candidate of any political party could have been.

On the 3d of June, 1884, Mr. Rogers was married to Philippa Hone Anthon, a daughter of the late Hone Anthon, of New York City, whose family is conspicuous for the large number of eminent professional men among its members.

Mr. Rogers is one of the founders of the Iroquois Club, and among the other clubs with which he is prominently identified may be mentioned the Illinois, University and Law Clubs. In the fall of 1888 he united with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which his father had been one of the leading spirits, and he has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of Illinois. In 1882 he made a foreign tour in company with his brother, who was suffering from ill-health, and visited the principal cities and other points of interest in Europe. His active mind and keen observation could not fail to make this trip of value to him in broadening his experience and extending his knowledge of men and the affairs of the world.

For a number of years after beginning his professional career, he was prominent in the political counsels of the Democratic party. In 1880 he was nominated as the candidate of his party for State Senator. His personal popularity may be judged from the fact that the usual Republican majority of two thousand in his district was reduced to eight hundred. For some time he was Vice-President of the Cook County Democratic Committee, and labored diligently, though in



vain, to bring about some needed reforms in the organization and methods of the party. Becoming displeased with the methods of politicians, he became one of the organizers of the Iroquois Club, which was established for the purpose of

exerting an influence in National politics, leaving local strife to those whose taste led in that direction, and he was elected one of its first Vice-Presidents.

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## ROBERT HERVEY, LL. D.

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ROBERT HERVEY, LL. D., who was for nearly forty years a familiar figure in Chicago court rooms, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, August 10, 1820. He is a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Gibson) Hervey. The father was a son of Robert Hervey, who founded a mercantile establishment at Glasgow, in which Alexander succeeded him. The business career of the latter was cut short by his death, when his son Robert was but eleven years of age. Mrs. Elizabeth Hervey afterward came to America, and for a number of years resided with her son in Chicago. She died at Brockville, Canada, in 1862.

Robert Hervey was educated in his native city, first at a grammar school and later at the University of Glasgow. While at this institution he began the study of medicine, and the knowledge thus obtained was of great use to him in subsequent legal practice. With this information he often surprised courts, as well as expert witnesses. At the age of seventeen years he went to Canada, intending to enter into mercantile business in connection with uncles who were residing there. By the advice of one of the latter, however, he decided to study law, and became a student of Henry Sherwood, of Brockville, afterward the Attorney-General of Ontario. When this gentleman removed to Toronto, Mr. Hervey accompanied him to that city, where he was admitted to practice in 1841. He then opened an office at Ottawa, then called Bytown, the eastern terminus of the Rideau Canal, which had recently been completed. He continued his legal business at Otta-

wa until 1852, when he came to Chicago, and has since been continuously in legal practice here.

He first opened an office in partnership with Buckner S. Morris and Joseph P. Clarkson, at the southeast corner of Lake and Clark Streets, in the same building where Judge Thomas Drummond then held United States Court. Mr. Hervey subsequently took James R. Hosmer into partnership for a time, and in May, 1858, became a partner of Elliott Anthony—since a distinguished Judge of the Superior Court. Mr. A. T. Galt was afterward admitted to this firm, and for many years the firm of Hervey, Anthony & Galt was one of the best known in Chicago. Mr. Hervey's early partner, Joseph Clarkson, was a brother of Bishop Clarkson, who was then Rector of St. James' Church on the North Side, and afterward became Bishop of Nebraska.

Mr. Hervey has practiced in all courts, from Justices' up to the Supreme Court of the United States, to which latter he was admitted in 1873, and has been employed on some of the most important criminal cases in Cook County. The first of these was in 1855, when he defended Patrick Cunningham, accused of killing a policeman. This case created a great sensation in Chicago, but Mr. Hervey secured a change of venue to Waukegan, where the minds of the jurors were less prejudiced than in Chicago, and his client was sentenced to the penitentiary for eight years for manslaughter. The adroit and skillful management of the defendant's attorney saved the latter from a death sentence and established the lawyer's reputation. Though he has defended some



notorious criminals, none of his clients have ever been executed. He was attorney for some of the aldermen and Cook County Commissioners who were accused of "boodling," and all his clients were acquitted.

One of the most important cases taken up by the firm of Hervey & Anthony was the dissolution of the consolidation of the Chicago & Galena Union Railroad Company with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, a deal which was manipulated by the directors of the respective roads to the dissatisfaction and alleged disadvantage of the stockholders of the former road, who had not been consulted in the matter. The contest was finally settled by payment of damages to the plaintiff stockholders of the Chicago & Galena Union.

For six years past Mr. Hervey has been afflicted with ill-health, which has confined him to his house and prevented his attendance at court or social gatherings. While his health permitted him to do so, he attended the Episcopal Church. Since 1865 he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, having joined Blaney Lodge at that date. While a young man he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Ottawa, and became the Noble Grand of Ottawa Lodge No. 111. His connection with this order was abandoned, however, on his coming to the United States, though he has often regretted this action. While a citizen of Canada he was quite an active politician, and spent considerable of his time, energy and money in the effort to help shape local affairs. His uncle, who realized the futility of this course, exacted a promise from young Hervey on coming to Chicago, that he would not mingle in the politics of the United States. This pledge has been faithfully observed, and he did not become a voter until 1887.

In 1852 he became a member of St. Andrew's Society, an organization in which he has ever taken an active interest, and has probably done as much for its promotion as any single member. He has served as President of the society for six terms. The object of this association is to relieve the distress of the unfortunate among the countrymen and women of its members, and it has

come to be one of the leading charitable institutions of the city. In the winter of 1865, during which there was much suffering to be relieved among the poor and unfortunate, the funds of the society became exhausted, and, at the request of his friends, Mr. Hervey prepared and delivered a lecture on Robert Burns at the old Metropolitan Hall. The receipts of this lecture netted the society about \$450. This address met such popular approval that it was afterward several times repeated in other places. In 1883 the faculty of Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois, invited him to deliver this lecture, together with an address to the graduating class of that institution. This request was cheerfully complied with, and as a token of their appreciation of this effort the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by the university. Another lecture on Walter Scott, which he delivered several years later at the same hall, also netted the society a handsome sum. In 1865 he helped organize the Caledonian Club, and was chosen its first Chief, a position which he filled several years.

Mr. Hervey was first married to Miss Maria Jones, daughter of Dunham Jones, a farmer near Brockville, Canada, who removed thither from the United States during the Revolutionary War, on account of his loyalty to the British Crown. Mrs. Maria Hervey fell a victim to the cholera in 1854. In 1861 Mr. Hervey was again married, to Frances W. Smith, a native of Rochester, New York, and his present helpmate. Her mother, who is now Mrs. T. B. Bishop, is a native of England, and resides in Chicago, aged over eighty years. Mr. Hervey has three children. Alexander is a farmer near Charleston, Missouri. Robert is the manager of an extensive lumber company at Tonawanda, New York; and Sophia is the wife of Sidney F. Jones, of Toronto, Ontario. For twenty-four years past Mr. Hervey has lived near the lake shore, on Twenty-fifth Street, having moved to that location a short time previous to the great Chicago Fire, and thereby avoided becoming one of its victims. In this pleasant location his most recent years have been altogether spent, and here his friends always receive a hearty welcome.

## SAMUEL T. HINCKLEY.

SAMUEL TAYLOR HINCKLEY was a citizen of Chicago almost from its beginning. His ancestry made him heir to all the noble qualities of the best Puritan stock. None of our citizens have come down through stock more distinguished than the Hinckley and Otis families of Plymouth Colony, from whom is descended the subject of this sketch. (We regret that the scope of this work does not permit a more detailed genealogy of these families than what follows.)

Samuel Hinckley, the common ancestor of all bearing the name in this country, was typical of his race; honest, industrious, prudent; qualities descended without interval to the present times. In the spring of 1635, as a "Dissenter," he came from Tenterden, Kent County, England, sailing from Sandwich on the ship "Hercules" (two hundred tons, Capt. John Witherly), bringing a wife, Sarah, and four children. Landing at Boston, he went direct to Scituate, where he built a house, "No. 19," on Kent Street; removing to Barnstable in July, 1640, where he died October 31, 1662, leaving eleven children, three sons of which number, Thomas, Samuel and John, left descendants.

Thomas, son of the emigrant, was born in England about 1618; came to New England with his father; was Governor of Plymouth Colony during the last eleven years of its existence as a Colony, and was at the time of his death (April 25, 1705, at Barnstable, *æ.* 87) one of the Council of the United Colonies. Moore's "Lives of the Governors of Plymouth and Massachusetts" gives extended due notice of his deeds; and a

record of his public life is found in "The Records of Plymouth Colony." Of his private life little is known; but "during half a century he held offices of trust and prominence in the Old Colony, and had a controlling influence over the popular mind. \* \* The architect of his own fortunes.

\* \* Of good common-sense and sound judgment. \* \* Honest and honorable. \* \* Industrious, persevering and self-reliant; and the best lawyer in the colony. \* \* Independent in religion, tolerant before his times; he possessed his faculties to the very end."

Gov. Thomas Hinckley married, first, December 4, 1641, Mary Richards, of Weymouth (whose sister Alice married Dept.-Gov. William Bradford), and, second, March 16, 1660, Mary Glover (widow of Nathaniel), who is said to have been beautiful in person and the most accomplished and intelligent woman in the colony; of which excellent characteristics abundance has come down to later generations.

At the time of his death he had had seventeen children, of whom fifteen lived to maturity; only three of them, however, being sons to leave issue, namely: Samuel, John and Ebenezer, from whom are descended a very numerous and widely scattered posterity. By the second wife he had nine children; the fifth of whom, John, born June 9, 1667, married Thankful Trot May 1, 1691, had six children: one John, the youngest, born February 17, 1701, married, September 17, 1726, Bethiah Robinson and had eight children; the fifth child, Adino, born December 12, 1735, married Mercy Otis, had three children, the youngest being



Solomon, born in Barnstable, Massachusetts, March 3, 1770, married Mercy Otis, finally settled at Pomfret, New York, where he died December 19, 1831; he had eight children: George Otis (father of the subject of this sketch), born October 30, 1795, married Sally Taylor, of Buckland, Massachusetts, died in Sacramento, where he was buried; left in Illinois the following children: Samuel (subject of this sketch), Mary O., Sarah E., Otis D., Horace A., Harriet W. and Abner T.

The Barnstable (Massachusetts) family of Otis is descended from Gen. John Otis, born in Barnstable, Devonshire, England, in 1581, came to Hingham, Massachusetts, in 1635, thence to Scituate, thence to Barnstable. His son John came to Barnstable with his father, where he left descendants, many of them illustrious. One of his sons, Col. John Otis, was twenty years Representative, Commander of Militia eighteen years, First Judge of Probate thirteen years, and Chief Justice of Court of Common Pleas and His Majesty's Counsel twenty-one years; left six children: two females (of whom Mercy, married Gen. James Warren, brother of Gen. Joseph, who fell at Bunker Hill) and four males: First, Gen. John, King's Attorney and member of Council nine years; second, Nathaniel, Register of Probate many years; third, Solomon, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, etc., etc., died 1778; fourth, Col. James, two years Speaker of House of Representatives, Judge of Probate, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, Member of the Council, and, from the time of departure of General Gage to the adoption of the Constitution of Massachusetts, exercised the functions of Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth by right of seniority. He had ten children, the most illustrious being James Otis, Jr., "The Patriot," immortalized by opposing the "Writs of Assistance," "The Stamp Act," etc., etc., of whom United States President, John Adams, said: "I have been young and now am old, and I solemnly say that I have never known a man whose love of country was more ardent or sincere; never one who suffered so much; never one whose services for any ten years of his life were so important to

the cause of his country as Mr. Otis' from 1760 to 1770."

Samuel was born June 12, 1818, at Buckland, Franklin County, Massachusetts, two hundred years after Thomas Hinckley, the Governor of Plymouth Colony. The maiden name of his mother was Sarah Taylor, from whom he derived his middle name.

While Samuel was yet a child, his parents moved to Chautauqua County, New York, a section of country at that time regarded as the far West. In 1836 his father turned his footsteps still farther towards the outskirts of civilization, and finally selected Illinois as his future home.

The journey was made with ox-teams, by slow stages, through an almost unbroken wilderness, which the red man had but recently ceded by treaty. Young Hinckley drove one of the teams. Passing beyond Chicago, his father pre-empted a tract of land where Lake Forest now has its palatial homes and college halls.

Here Samuel began his life work. The privations and trials of those pioneer days and years were numerous and extremely severe. Everything had to be made; the houses of logs hewn from the forest; roads laid out and cut through heavy timber; mills to be erected and the wilderness cleared away and the ground made ready for civilization.

In those far-off times, flour cost twenty dollars per barrel, and other things in proportion. The Indians, too, were frequent visitors at the cabins of the pioneers. As a rule they were harmless, but wanted all the food there was in sight.

It was in this school of trial, and sometimes of adversity, that Samuel T. Hinckley was educated for his business career, and thereby trained to habits of industry, strict economy and perfect integrity—enduring qualities which he carried with him through life.

At the age of eighteen this young pioneer came to Chicago on a quest of furthering his fortunes, and was most fortunate in coming to the favorable notice of Captain (afterwards General) J. D. Webster, at that time Superintendent of Improvements in the local lake harbors, including, besides our own, Milwaukee, St. Joseph and



Michigan City. Such work required absolute freedom from ice; so in the spring, summer and autumn months, our young hero toiled manfully on from sunrise to sunset, often overtaxing his strength, but never his resolution; the outcome of it all being that he made a very excellent impression upon his employer, which eventually ripened into a most sincere friendship, and continued until the General's death.

In winter the woods on every side gave employment for ready, strong hands; for instance, he sometimes hired himself out to cut timber and split rails down on the Fox River, a hard task set before him, when it is considered that he usually had to walk five or six miles to and from his work.

While engaged in this severe physical labor he did not neglect his mind. His early tastes inclined him to study, but his educational advantages in boyhood were of the limited sort incident to the development of a new country. His desire for knowledge, however, led him to supplement this rudimentary training by night study, a system of self-education which he followed for many years, poring over his books by the light of a candle far into the night. His course of study was comprehensive, including those branches which pertained to mechanics, as well as those which would fit him for the duties and responsibilities of social and business life.

Thus year by year, he laid the foundation for what he afterwards became, a wisely-useful, highly esteemed, self-made man. Though not a civil engineer, at different times he was called upon to perform many of the duties which now-a-days fall to such an office; though not a graduated mechanic, yet he used with deftness saws and tools so fine that it required the aid of a microscope to see clearly the component parts; nor yet an artist, yet full of artistic sense and adaptability, leaving as an example of much not to be mentioned a creation in mezzotinting, full of feeling, of the Mother of Christ and Infant, esteemed almost above all else by the family.

When the Chicago & Galena Union Railroad was under construction, Mr. Hinckley became one of the first engineers, and had the honor of running the first engine out of Chicago across the

Fox River. It was the old "Pioneer," the memory of which is treasured by many early Chicagoans, and which now has a place in the Field Columbian Museum.

In 1852 he went into business for himself, as grocer on Randolph Street, subsequently removing to State Street, near Van Buren, where for long years he was known as an enterprising merchant of unimpeachable integrity. In 1865, in company with Gail Borden, of New York (father of the enterprise and now of world-wide reputation in connection with such product), and Messrs. Cole and Hubbard, of Elgin, Illinois, he founded the Elgin Condensed Milk Company, now known as the Illinois Condensing Company, and continued his active relations with this concern until his death.

Mr. Hinckley was a brave man, not only in the sense of not shrinking from responsibilities which confronted his life as a matter of course, but more worthily in the taking up of dangerous situations, not necessarily a part of his legitimate cares, but ever exemplifying the "Golden Rule." At the first season of the cholera, when many sufferers were succumbing to the fell disease, for which there seemed no remedy, when persons who were physically able were fleeing the place as from a plague, he stayed calmly at the post of danger, down by the river, nursing, praying and officiating at the last sad rites, not himself falling a victim, as God sometimes requires should happen, but coming out of the ordeal chastened and uplifted in soul.

The son of parents who believed the holding of human beings in bondage to be wrong, if not positively sinful, he was strongly anti-slavery in his convictions. In early life his sympathies were with the Whigs, but after the formation of the Republican party, his affiliations were with that organization. While firm in his political faith, he took no active part in politics, contenting himself with casting his ballot for the ticket of his choice.

But the keynote of his long, noble life is to be found in his religion. A practical, vivifying, Godly and charitable religion: not content in lip service of a Sunday morning, but celebrating seven days of the week in actions showing how man's

sphere, clearly read, stretches nigh to the very throne of God.

For a half century he was identified with the First Presbyterian Church of our city, ready at all times to assist in assuming disbursements and advancing moral well-being, and when the church undertook the establishment of mission Sunday-schools he became one of the active workers in the old Foster Mission, never losing interest in works of piety and true benevolence. He was a member of the Humane Society and Secretary of the one at Elgin for some ten years.

Mr. Hinckley never married. His interests were centered on home, his mother especially receiving more than the usual share of affection, and he cared for her most tenderly while she lived. This love for kindred waxed with his increasing years, and was as ardent and constant to the last, as when they were together under the old roof-tree in childhood.

None the less he loved his church and country; but better than all else, he loved his God. His benevolence was beautiful and Christlike. Emulating the example of his Saviour, he cherished the young with a special affection, and into whatever home he entered as friend or guest, the little ones became at once his fast friends.

This lover of the young supported two missionaries of the American Sunday-school Union, who gave their whole time to caring for destitute children. The reports received from them were very gratifying to him, from the fact that so many were being saved from lives of sin and ignorance. The non-sectarian character of the work was particularly pleasing.

His personal expenditures were very moderate. He ate, dressed and took his enjoyment modestly and inexpensively. His extravagances were his gifts to others. His benefactions were not confined in a narrow channel, he ever remembered the poor, the sick and the unfortunate, and had a heart overflowing with kindness and charity.

He gave with a liberal hand to the Young Men's Christian Association, the American Sunday-school Union, Mr. Moody's Bible Institute, the Pacific Garden Mission, and many other institutions. His benefactions were unostentatious.

He was exact in his business, kind to all who served him, and his employes loved him as a friend. It was said by one who knew him intimately for many years, and who is himself noted for his correct judgment of men, that "he was one of Nature's noblemen," careful and considerate in his language and action, never wilfully saying or doing anything to wound the feelings of another. In private life he exemplified the most generous and unselfish traits of character. An attractive and interesting conversationalist, his utterances were chaste and dignified; any unbecoming jest, or any departure from purity in thought or expression he treated with silent contempt; yet he was one of the most companionable of men. He had a keen sense of humor, and enjoyed a witty saying or repartee with great pleasure, which was more expressed by the smile in his eyes than by words, and at the same time showing the most gentle consideration for anyone who might be the object of merriment in social conversation.

He maintained this happy trait of a genial heart to the last, even when suffering great pain. Though an invalid for many years, he kept active in business till his final sickness, and the fatal termination of his disease, September 5, 1894, after a short illness, was a great sorrow and shock to his family and many friends.

A glowing, but richly-merited tribute was paid to Mr. Hinckley's character by his pastor, Rev. Dr. John H. Barrows, of the First Presbyterian Church. Among other things, Doctor Barrows said: "He made himself the friend and helper of those in his employ or associated with him. Much might be said of his unselfish and constant benevolence. He regarded himself as a steward indeed, and he was a faithful steward. How constantly he remembered the old First Church and its benevolent causes, is well and gratefully known to some of us. We have lost one of our choicest members from this church, and made one of our choicest additions to the ranks of the redeemed on high."

"His life was gentle, and the elements  
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up,  
And say to all the world  
'This was a man.'"



## SAMUEL G. SPAULDING.

**S**AMUEL GRAY SPAULDING The name Spalding, like other names ending in "ing," is one of the earlier surnames borne by English-speaking people. The Spaldings of the United States have been fortunate in having the genealogical history of the family written by Samuel J. Spalding, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, from which we learn many facts relative to its growth and progress.

John de Spalding (Burgess of Lenn) was a purchaser of lands of about the fifty-first year of the reign of Henry III. (A. D. 1267). Other records of land transfers of very ancient date occur.

Edward Spalding was the first of the family of whom we have any knowledge, and he came to America in the earliest years of the Massachusetts Colony, probably between 1630 and 1633. He first appears in Braintree, Massachusetts, where his wife, Margaret, and his daughter, Grace, died, the former in 1640, and the latter in 1643. He was made a Freeman May 13, 1640, and was one of the settlers of Chelmsford, in the same colony, which town was incorporated in 1655. He was a Selectman in 1654, 1656, 1660-61, and Surveyor of Highways in 1663. In 1664 the town records made note of his fine orchard. His family has been ably represented in every war of the Colonies and United States (see sketch of William A. Spalding). He died February 26, 1670.

Samuel Brown Spaulding, the father of the subject of this sketch, was descended from Edward Spalding, through Andrew (2), Andrew (3), James (4), Silas (5). He was born January 27, 1789, in Granville, New York, and later resided at Brandon, Vermont, where he was a prominent merchant. His first wife was Anna Gray, whom he married October 2, 1814. She was born January 2, 1790, in Rutland, Vermont, and died

July 23, 1841, in Brandon. The second wife was Lucy Lyon, the wedding occurring November 18, 1841. She was born November 25, 1796, in Brandon. The children of Samuel B. and Anna Spaulding were four, Samuel G. being the third. He was born October 26, 1822, at Brandon, Vermont.

After taking a course in the public schools of his native town, he learned the mercantile business. When only about twelve years of age he became a clerk in a store in Brandon. Some years later, while still a youth, he went to Claremont, New Hampshire, leaving home with but twenty-five cents in his pocket. He engaged in the sale of books, and as a compensation for his services received \$12 per month, out of which he paid all his expenses.

His next employment was as commercial traveler for a book house in Vermont, and in that line he did good work, obtained good wages and saved something from his earnings. With his little capital he engaged in supplying notions to wholesale dealers in the State of Vermont. In this business he was successful, but, on account of poor health, he was obliged to dispose of his business, and James Fisk, afterwards celebrated as a Wall Street broker, became the purchaser. Two weeks after this sale Mr. Spaulding was on his way to the West, where he expected to find a more congenial climate and better commercial prospects.

In April, 1857, he arrived at Milwaukee, by way of the Lakes. He entered into partnership with a man who was engaged in the tobacco trade, but soon found that he had obtained some knowledge at the cost of the capital invested, the volume of profits not being what had been represented. Making the best of the situation, Mr.



Spaulding became sole proprietor of the little store, and then put his energies to work to build up a trade. In the course of time he added a wholesale feature and, becoming his own solicitor, he built up a fine wholesale business in the Northwest. In those days the railroad ran no farther than La Crosse, and thence to St. Paul the journey was made by boat.

As Milwaukee did not afford the advantages which his growing trade required, Mr. Spaulding removed to Chicago in November, 1865, and with Mr. Levi Merrick, of Milwaukee, formed the firm of Spaulding & Merrick, and carried on the wholesale tobacco business. Manufacturing was a prominent feature of the industry, and in a short time the business was so arranged that Mr. Spaulding traveled for the house, while Mr. Merrick had charge of the manufacture. The volume of their transactions rapidly increased, and in 1871 the number of persons employed by the firm was between two and three hundred, but the great fire of that year swept everything the firm had out of existence.

Returning home, accompanied by Mr. Merrick, father of his partner, after spending all the fatal night of the beginning of the conflagration in observing its progress, Mr. Spaulding announced to his wife, "All I had is gone up in smoke." To this she bravely replied, "We have our health and our hands." Mr. Merrick's comment on this reply was, "There is good cheer for you." The situation was discussed, and the partners resolved to start anew in business. Friends who admired their pluck and energy offered plenty of financial assistance. Out of \$36,000 insurance, they afterwards received \$13,000. The three-story factory at Nos. 9 to 15 River Street was replaced by another, and a greater number of persons employed. The history of the firm from this on is a record of success. Wise management and hard work built up a great business, the second largest in their line in the United States. In 1889 Mr. Spaulding sold his interest, but the business is still conducted under the old name.

Samuel G. Spaulding was married at St. Albans, Vermont, on the twelfth day of March, 1857,

to Miss Marcia Isabel Hawkins. She was born July 17, 1828, at Reading, Vermont, and is a descendant of William Adrian Hawkins, who was born January 18, 1742, and died at Reading, Vermont, in 1817. His grandfather was a native of Dublin, Ireland, and married an English woman. He emigrated to Bordeaux, France, where two children, a son and a daughter, were born. After his death his widow brought the children to America. A son of the son, William Adrian Hawkins, became a tailor. He went to Wilton, New Hampshire, a short time before the Revolution, and resided there until 1789, when he moved to Reading, Vermont. He enlisted, April 23, 1775, in Captain Walker's company of Col. James Reed's regiment New Hampshire troops. He rose through the grades of first sergeant, ensign and lieutenant to the rank of captain. He was made ensign for gallant conduct at the battle of Bunker Hill. He served in the war seven years, and was paid off in the almost worthless currency of those days. Forty bushels of rye was the most valuable part of the pay he received for his services. He married Abigail, daughter of John and Abigail (Livermore) Keyes, who was born at Northborough, Massachusetts, in December, 1743, and died at Reading, Vermont, in 1813. They were the parents of eight children. William Lewis, the fourth child, was born at Northborough, Massachusetts, June 14, 1773, and died at Reading, Vermont, November 26, 1859. He married Anna Townsend, and they were the parents of seven children. He was a successful teacher, and taught out schools that others failed to govern. He held town offices, and was Postmaster at the time of his death, being then eighty-seven years old and in the full enjoyment of his mental faculties.

Lewis, eldest child of William L. and Anna Hawkins, was born at Reading, January 23, 1798, and died at Sherburne, Vermont, April 29, 1875. He was a manufacturer and dealer in boots, shoes, saddles and harness, and also dealt in horses, which he sold at Boston. He married Aliva Amsden, and they were the parents of three children, of whom Marcia is the youngest.

Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding were the parents of

two children: Mabel, the wife of Charles Foxwell, junior; and Howard Henry Spaulding, who now occupies a position with the house of Spaulding & Company, jewelers of Chicago. Mrs. Foxwell has one child, Frances. H. H. Spaulding married Florence Baker, and has two children, Lester and Howard, Jr.

Samuel G. Spaulding died on the fifth day of September, 1893, at the age of seventy-one years. Starting with but twenty-five cents in his pocket, he worked his way from poverty to a commanding position in the line in which he spent most

of his life, and in which he took a great interest. He attended all the conventions of the tobacco manufacturers, and his views had great influence among his associates in the trade. His geniality and scrupulous honesty and business tact were the foundation stones upon which his success was built. Mr. W. D. Spaulding, in speaking of him said: "I knew him over thirty years. I never met a pleasanter man than Mr. Spaulding. He was genial, large-hearted and a true gentleman, and made friends with every one he met."

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## EDWARD A. FILKINS.

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**E**DWARD AUGUSTUS FILKINS, a veteran of the great American Civil War, has the honor of being a native of Cook County, his birth having occurred in the village of Wheeling, on the 29th day of May, 1842. He is a son of Joseph Filkins and Clarissa Johnson, who were among the earliest and most esteemed pioneers of northern Illinois. Their ancestors included some of the most loyal citizens, and members of the Johnson and Filkins families have participated in every war of the Nation.

Joseph Filkins was born at Berne, Albany County, New York. His father's name was Richard, and his grandfather, Isaac Filkins, was one of the earliest English colonists of Long Island. He came from Cornwall, England, and settled within the present limits of the city of Brooklyn in 1665. He was a farmer and stockman by occupation, and was accompanied to this country by two of his brothers, one of whom was named Richard. Col. Henry Filkins, a descendant of the last-mentioned, commanded a regiment of Continental troops during the Revolution and, upon the organization of the United States Government, in recognition of his services, he was

appointed the first Collector of the Port of New York by President Washington.

Richard Filkins, son of Isaac, removed while a young man to Albany County, where he became a prominent farmer, and married a Miss Crabbe, of Troy. Their son, Joseph Filkins, came West, by way of the Great Lakes, in 1835, and, on landing from a sailing-vessel at Fort Dearborn, proceeded to Wheeling and pre-empted a large tract of land at that point. He was engaged in agriculture for the next fifteen years, and in 1837 built the first frame house on the stage line between Chicago and Milwaukee. This house is still standing, and forms a prominent landmark in the village of Wheeling. In 1850 he moved to Chicago, and, in company with his son-in-law, embarked in the wholesale hardware trade. The name of the firm was Filkins & Runyon, and their place of business was at the corner of Lake and Wells Streets (the latter now known as Fifth Avenue). His death occurred in Chicago, November 12, 1857, at the age of fifty-two years. He was a stanch Democrat, and was well known as a public-spirited and progressive citizen. In 1842 he was elected Collector of Cook County,



which at that time included several adjacent counties. He was a member of the County Board of Supervisors, and a member of the building committee in charge of the construction of the blue stone court house, being chairman of the board at the time the building was completed.

Mrs. Clarissa Filkins was born at Hoosac Falls, New York, in October, 1806. She made the journey from New York to Cook County in a wagon, accompanying friends who came in 1836. She brought her eldest child, who was then an infant, on this journey, and joined her husband at Wheeling, where he had erected a log dwelling before her arrival. This child was Elizabeth, who became the wife of I. L. Runyon, and is now deceased. Mrs. Filkins was a daughter of Capt. Rufus Johnson, who commanded a company of mounted New York troops in the Revolutionary War. His ancestors accompanied Roger Williams in founding the colony of Rhode Island. He was born in that State, and removed while a young man to New York, and married Sarah Gardner, a native of Bennington, in Vermont, whose father, Samuel Gardner, lost his life in the famous battle at that place.

Edward A. Filkins was the only child of his parents besides the sister previously mentioned. After completing the course in the Chicago public schools, he attended a preparatory school at New Haven, Connecticut. Owing to his father's failing health, he abandoned the intention of entering Yale College, and returned to Chicago. He began his business career as salesman in a wholesale dry-goods store, in which employment he continued until the secession of the Southern States. He was one of the first to offer his services in defense of the Union, and enlisted on the 19th of April, 1861, as a member of Company A, Chicago Zouaves, an organization which is entitled to much credit for having captured and held the important strategic point of Cairo at the very outset of the conflict. On the 17th of June, 1861, he was mustered into the Nineteenth Regiment, Illinois Infantry, and was soon afterwards promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant of Company C. He took part in engagements at

Green River and Bowling Green, Kentucky, and was among the Union troops that entered the city of Nashville. He afterwards participated in the engagements of McMinnville and Chattanooga, in 1862, the two-weeks campaign at Stone River, and the bloody battle at Chickamauga and Look-out Mountain. In the spring of 1864 he was detailed to fill a position in the Quartermaster's Department at Knoxville and Loudon, Tennessee. In June of the same year he was sent to Chicago in the same capacity, and continued to serve until October, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. Although he spent four and one-half years in the service of the Government, he never received a dollar of bounty, and has never applied for a pension.

In 1866 he was appointed a clerk of the Board of Public Works of Chicago, and continued to hold clerical positions in the city or county for the next twenty-six years. He served successively in the office of the County Clerk, Circuit Court, as Secretary of the Board of County Commissioners, and from 1882 to 1892 was chancery record writer of the Superior Court. From 1872 to 1877 he filled a position in the United States Revenue service in Chicago, and was afterward for a time confidential secretary of Mayor Heath. Since 1893 he has been manager of the Chicago interests of a firm of commission merchants in San Francisco, California.

On the tenth of October, 1865, Mr. Filkins was married to Sadie H. Copelin, daughter of Thomas and Julia Copelin, who now reside at Winnetka. Mrs. Filkins was born at the Cape of Good Hope, her father being at that time attached to the medical corps of the British army in that colony. Mr. and Mrs. Filkins are the parents of three children: Edward B., Claire and Arthur J. The family attends the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Filkins is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Since attaining his majority he has been a steadfast Republican. His life has been a busy one, most of which was devoted to the public service, in either a civil or military capacity.



## WILLIAM J. GOUDY.

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**W**ILLIAM JUDD GOUDY. "Like father, like son" is a sentiment often syllabled, with little or no apparent sense; but in superlative meaning may it be borne in mind while considering the subject of this sketch, William Judd Goudy.

Mr. Goudy, son of one of the most distinguished jurists who has ever lived in our midst (the Hon. William Charles Goudy—see sketch in this volume), was born in Chicago, June 7, 1864. Intended by his parent for a successor in his own professional labors, his studies were very carefully and classically planned in Mr. Barnes' local School for Boys; after which he was finally fitted to enter Princeton College by a proficient private tutor. He entered Princeton in the fall of 1882, in the Class of '86, at which latter time he would have been entitled to the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Filled to overflowing with that pent-up energy which craves useful and fame-bringing exercise (so characteristic of the young men of our time), he could not remain at literary studies beyond the end of his third, the junior, year. At this time, on his return home from college, he began reading law in the office of his father, attending lectures the while at the Chicago Law School, from which institution, in 1887, he took a degree, which entitled him to practice in the Illinois State Courts.

His first business affiliations was as junior partner of the firm of Goudy, Green & Goudy, of which his honored father was the senior member. Their office was located at No. 161 La Salle

Street, where they made a specialty of corporation law, as well as of that branch relating to real property, Mr. Goudy, Sr., being for a long period General Counsel for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

In 1892 William J. Goudy withdrew from said firm in order to form with a friend in business life, Mr. Robert F. Shanklin, a new firm, under the style of Goudy & Shanklin, whose office, situated at No. 84 La Salle Street, was the scene of many a transaction in the mortgage brokers' arena.

If it be a lamentable truth that "Death loves a shining mark," one cannot say further than this, that the untimely fall of precociously ambitious young manhood certainly strikes home with unwonted awfulness. The gloomy sequel of this remorseless stroke (saddest view of all) is the not infrequent doubt thereby brought into being whether all things, even the termination of existence under circumstances most harrowing, really do inflexibly happen for the best. Alas, in the sacred presence of death we can only bow, if possible, with resignation to the Supreme, "As God wills!"

In the latter part of the spring of 1894 Mr. Goudy, who had been remarkably free in youth from juvenile diseases, was stricken, together with his little girl, by one of the illnesses which usually befall earlier years of life. His daughter recovered, but the parent, as frequently occurs in similar kinds of affliction, was, after some weeks of painful malady, hurried into an acute pneumonial complication, whose end became speedily fatal on the afternoon of Saturday, May 26, 1894.

The Rev. Mr. Tompkins, pastor of St. James' Episcopal Church, of which the deceased had been a faithful attendant, officiated at the obsequies, after which the mortal body was borne to Graceland Cemetery, there to rest beside the departed form of his beloved father, who only the preceding spring had been called away in even more tragic suddenness.

True to intelligent family tradition, Mr. Goudy was an unswerving Democrat in politics, in which field he took a very active and influential interest, not, however, in the way of personal glory and preferment, but as advocate and furtherer of wise party actions and the bringing into power of the best citizenship. Long time a member of the Waubensee Club, a very conspicuous political organization, he became one of its Directors; and finally, at about the time of his death, was advanced to the responsible position of its President. There has never been any division of opinion on the part of those informed as to how well he performed the exacting functions of this office. He was likewise a member of the Union, Washington Park and University Clubs, and the Chicago Athletic and Chicago Bar Associations.

In personal and mental characteristics there was a marked resemblance to his illustrious father, although, probably owing to absence of hardships in earlier years, without some of the rugged lines of the elder. Nothing could be more touching than the fondness of these two men, father and son, for each other. Despite the disparity of ages, it was a modern exemplification of the almost fabulous attachment of Damon and Pythias of ancient times. All their plans, thoughts and nobler emotions were enjoyed along the unvarying higher level together. In truth, so profound was this silent bond of union, that one almost finds himself pondering, Was not this unseen paternal soul force, which the year previous had gone to his Maker, exercising, unknown to us mortals, its inalienable birthright with a potency which drew his son so untimely to himself again?

As illustrating the fondness of the parent, it is related that the father, soon after the time of his son's marriage, built and gave him a magnificent

stone mansion, No. 46 Astor Place, at the corner of Goethe Street, and diagonally across the street from a small private park running by the side of the father's mansion home, that they might always be close beside each other, actually within full view and hailing distance while seated on their individual premises. There is no more complete residence to be found in our city of choice homes than this, which was so generously donated.

Mr. Goudy, younger, was by nature a reserved, reticent, conservative kind of man. He gave liberally, but not ostentatiously. He did not like either to talk about himself or have others make him the subject for conversation. He would spare no trouble or expense to serve a friend. He was a domestic man; a dutiful son, a faithful devoted husband, a loving, generous father.

He was married on the 14th day of December, 1887, in this city, by the Rev. Dr. Vibbert, of St. James' Episcopal Church, to Miss Carolyn Harvey Walker, with whom he enjoyed the most perfect wedded life. She survives her deeply lamented husband, together with their one child, Helen, who was born October 5, 1889.

From what data is available at this writing concerning the family lineage of Mr. Goudy, the reader is referred to the sketch of Hon. William C. Goudy, to be found elsewhere herein. Mrs. Goudy is the daughter of Samuel J. Walker and Amanda (Morehead) Walker, of Chicago. Mr. Walker, one of the old settlers of the city, was during his lifetime a very active man on the real-estate market, having at one time accumulated quite a fortune, which suffered heavily by the panic of 1873. The beauty of Ashland Boulevard upon the West Side, of which he may almost be called the father, is largely owing to his interested foresight.

Samuel J. Walker was a son of James Walker, of Dayton, Kentucky, who married a Miss Carolyn Cooper.

Mrs. Goudy's maternal grandfather was the very distinguished Hon. Charles S. Morehead, of Frankfort, Kentucky, a lawyer of rare talents, and at one time Chief Executive of his native state.



## RALPH R. ROLLO.

**R**ALPH RODOLPHUS ROLLO, whose death occurred in Chicago, March 22, 1872, was a man of Christian principles and sterling integrity of character. He was born at Gilead, Connecticut, on the 25th of September, 1811, and was a son of Ralph R. Rollo and Sibyl Post, whose genealogy may be seen in connection with the biography of William E. Rollo, which appears upon another page of this volume.

The subject of this notice was educated at the public schools of South Windsor, Connecticut, and for a time was engaged in teaching in his native state. About 1838 he moved to Conneaut, Ohio, where he kept a book store for some years. While there he also became the editor and publisher of the *Conneaut Reporter*. He thus acquired considerable local fame as a journalist. In 1844 he removed to New Brunswick, New Jersey, and became the proprietor of a large rubber-manufacturing establishment. This enterprise was continued until 1861, when, at the solicitation of his aged father, he returned to South Windsor and resided upon the homestead farm until the death of the latter.

The following year, 1870, he came to Chicago and engaged in the fire-insurance business in connection with his brother, William E. Rollo, who had preceded him hither. His business career in this city was but fairly begun when it was cut short by an attack of pleurisy, which terminated in his death, as above noted.

He had been an active member of the Congregational Church from boyhood, and while living in New Jersey was an Elder in the New Brunswick Church of that sect. Upon coming to Chicago, he united with the First Congregational Church of this city. He had been a firm Republican in political sentiment from the organization

of the Republican party, but was seldom an active participant in political strife. He held liberal and progressive views upon all public questions, and wherever his lines were cast was certain to win numerous friends and make no enemies.

On the 10th of August, 1842, Mr. Rollo was married to Miss Gennett Chester, who still survives and is a resident of Chicago. She is a daughter of Dr. Lemuel L. Chester and Jerusha Clark, both of whom were natives of Connecticut, and were descendants of early New England colonists. Mrs. Rollo was born at Westmoreland, New York, and while a child removed with her parents to Rome, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Rollo were the parents of four children, namely: Charles Egbert; Alice Amelia, who died in childhood; Lewis Chester; and Lily Agnes. All the living reside in Chicago.

Charles Egbert Rollo was born in Conneaut, Ohio, and was educated at the high school in East Hartford, Connecticut, completing the course at the age of eighteen years. He then came to Chicago and became connected with the Merchants' Insurance Company, in the capacity of special agent. He continued with that corporation until it succumbed to the consequences of the great fire of 1871, when he became identified with the Traders' Insurance Company. He was afterward a member of the firm of William E. Rollo & Company, insurance agents. In 1882 he organized the firm of C. E. Rollo & Company, fire-insurance agents and brokers, which is still engaged in conducting a flourishing business, and occupies handsome offices in the Temple Building. Mr. Rollo is a member of the Illinois and Harvard Clubs, and is a popular citizen socially, as well as in business circles.

Lewis Chester Rollo was born at New Bruns-



wick, New Jersey, December 23, 1858. He came with his parents to Chicago, where he attended the Skinner and Brown Schools, leaving the latter at the age of seventeen years, to enter the office of W. E. Rollo & Company, insurance agents, and he remained with them until May, 1882, when he became the junior member of the firm of C. E. Rollo & Company, which connection he still maintains. He was married on the 15th

of February, 1888, to Edith May Van Schoick, a daughter of William and Cynthia Van Schoick, of Bloomington, Illinois. Their only child, Van Schoick Rollo, is a boy of seven years. Mr. Rollo is a member of the Athletic and Menoken Clubs, and has a host of friends and acquaintances, by whom his company is sought at all opportune moments.

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## STEPHEN REXFORD.

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STEPHEN REXFORD, one of the earliest and most esteemed pioneers of Cook County, was born in Charlotte, Vermont, May 4, 1804, and died at Blue Island, Illinois, October 7, 1880. He was the second son of Benajah Rexford, whose genealogy will be found in the sketch of Norman Rexford, elsewhere in this book.

While a boy, Stephen witnessed the battle of Plattsburgh from the top of a mountain near his home, whither he went with his father and others for that purpose. When he was twelve years old the family removed to Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York, where he attended the public schools. On reaching manhood he went to Buffalo, New York, and became a clerk for a commission firm of that city. He continued with this firm several years, winning the confidence and esteem of his employers to a remarkable degree, and by their advice, in June, 1832, he went to Chicago with a view to engaging in a commission business in that place. After a year or two, however, he decided to engage in farming, and so took up a "claim" at Bachelor's Grove, being one of the four single men for whom that place was named. He built a large double log house, then the most pretentious residence in that part of the country, and otherwise improved this farm, which he con-

tinued to own for many years. A few years after coming to this county he and his brother Norman purchased most of the land on the east side of Western Avenue, in the present village of Blue Island, and in 1843 he removed thither and began dealing in general merchandise, erecting for that purpose a large building, which he purchased at Hobart, Indiana, and which was brought to Blue Island in pieces by team. He also built a large warehouse on the "feeder" to the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and engaged in shipping grain, lumber and provisions on quite an extensive scale. When the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad was built, however, and the canal ceased to be a route of commerce, he disposed of his warehouse and dealt in live stock. He carried on an extensive business, his method being to purchase large droves of cattle in central and southern Illinois, have them driven to Blue Island, where he fattened them on the prairies adjacent for the Chicago market. Subsequently he disposed of his business in Blue Island and again engaged in farming for a few years, later returning to Blue Island where he lived several years before his death.

In the year 1835 Mr. Rexford married Miss Susan Wattles, daughter of Chandler Wattles, of Ripley, New York, where Mrs. Rexford was

born. She died in Blue Island in 1849, having borne her husband the following children: Julia Ellen, wife of Dr. Charles Morgan, of Chicago; Susan Eliza, wife of Dr. John Waughop, of Fort Steilacoom, Washington; Alma, superintendent of the Home for the Friendless, in Chicago; Sarah Elsie (Mrs. E. E. Bellamy), of O'Neil, Holt County, Nebraska; and Anna Louise (Mrs. Charles A. Bellamy), of Chicago. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Rexford married Miss Elvira Barber, of Wardsboro, Vermont, who still resides at Blue Island. To the last union were born the following children: Stephen Barber, who is deceased; Henry Lee, of Chicago; Fannie Isabel (Mrs. John H. Clark), of Longwood, Illinois; Lewis Averill, of Seattle, Washington; and Mary Cushing (Mrs. Joseph P. Eames), of Blue Island.

In religious faith Mr. Rexford was a Universalist, being a member of the church of that denomination at Blue Island. In early life he was a rigid Democrat, but with Buchanan's administration he changed his political adherence, becoming a very staunch Republican. He was one of the three

commissioners appointed to divide Cook County into townships, and served as postmaster at Blue Island for many years, and as supervisor of Worth Township for several years. Beyond this he did not aspire, and he refused to consider further promotions which were offered him. During his residence in Chicago he was at one time at Fort Dearborn with Colonel Whistler, and assisted in throwing out the provisions to the assembled Indians, which were given them by the United States Government in accordance with a treaty made previous to their removal from Illinois. Mr. Rexford always averred that the distribution was made in a most unjust fashion, the goods being thrown from an upper window and the Indians dividing them according to their respective strength and agility in seizing them.

Mr. Rexford was a man of exemplary character and distinctive business qualifications, and bore an important part in the transformation of Cook County from the hunting-grounds of a savage race to the abode of a populous, civilized community.

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## COL. JAMES A. SEXTON.

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**C**OL. JAMES ANDREW SEXTON, a representative Chicago business man, and one of the most efficient Postmasters of the city, is descended from Scotch and Irish ancestors. Extended mention of his father, Stephen Sexton, will be found on another page of this volume. His maternal grandmother was a relative of President Andrew Jackson, for whom Colonel Sexton received his second baptismal name.

James A. Sexton is among Chicago's most worthy sons, having been born ten years after his parents' arrival here—on the 5th of January,

1844. His youth was spent in his native city, the public schools furnishing all the training given to his mind, except that afforded by his varied experiences—the latter forming, perhaps, the most practical and valuable portion of his education. Within a few days after he saw his beloved parents placed in their last resting-place, the land was convulsed by the sound of civil war. He was then but little past his seventeenth birthday anniversary, but he at once enrolled his name among the defenders of the Union. He first enlisted April 19, and went out on the 21st as a pri-



vate in the three-months service. At the expiration of that period he was appointed a sergeant and authorized to recruit Company I, Fifty-first Volunteer Infantry, of which he was to be Captain. In June, 1862, he was transferred to Company E, Sixty-seventh Illinois Infantry, and promoted to a lieutenancy, and within three months thereafter was elected Captain of a company recruited under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago, which became Company D, Seventy-second Illinois.

He commanded the regiment at the battles of Columbia, Duck River, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, and in the Nashville campaign. In 1865 he was assigned to duty on the staff of Gen. A. J. Smith, Sixteenth Army Corps, acting as Provost-Marshal, and served until the close of the war, leaving a record on its annals which added lustre to the pages, and which will compare favorably with that of any officer from Illinois. At Spanish Fort, on the 8th of April, 1865, Colonel Sexton's left leg was broken by a piece of a shell which exploded over his head. He also received gunshot wounds at Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee. The Seventy-second bore a part in seven battles and eleven skirmishes, being under the enemy's fire one hundred and forty-five days. It went out with a force of nine hundred and sixty-seven officers and men, and came back with three hundred and thirty-two. During its three years' service it had received two hundred and thirty-four recruits—more than two-thirds the total number mustered out at the close of the war.

After the close of hostilities Colonel Sexton purchased a plantation in Alabama, which he tilled two years, and then returned to Chicago, which has ever since been his home. Soon after his return he engaged in the foundry business, founding the immense stove factory now operated by Cribben, Sexton & Company, occupying large grounds on Erie Street.

Colonel Sexton takes a sincere interest in Grand Army affairs, and is a Past Commander of the Department of Illinois. He is a member of the Loyal Legion, the Chicago Union Veteran Club, the Veteran Union League, and a Mason of high

degree; has held the highest positions in them, and is an honored and esteemed comrade and friend in all. He has never applied for nor received a pension.

On the 22d of February, 1868, Colonel Sexton married Miss Laura L. Wood, daughter of William Wood and Dorcas Sophronia Case. Her father was of English birth, and the mother a lineal descendant of a Revolutionary soldier, and representative of one of the earliest American families. Mrs. Sexton died in October, 1876, leaving four sons. In 1878 another wife was taken, in the person of Augusta Loewe, who is of German extraction. Five daughters have blessed this union, and the children of the family are named in order of birth as follows: Stephen W., George W., Ira J., Franklin Tecumseh, Laura A., Mabel Nevada, Leola Logan, Edith M. and Alice E.

A recent publication compiled by the Chicago Postoffice Clerks' Association says of Colonel Sexton in most fitting terms:

"A veritable and notable son of Illinois is Col. James A. Sexton. He is a man of noble and dignified appearance, and is essentially a self-made man in the true sense of the term. He was appointed Postmaster of Chicago by President Harrison, May 1, 1889, and his administration has been so superior as to receive merited recognition from the department at Washington and the public which is served at this office, and that means the entire civilized world, in one way and another. While Colonel Sexton was not trained in postoffice duties, he has evinced remarkable administrative ability in his management of the second office in the United States, as to the extent of business and amount of mail matter handled. He has administered the duties of the important trust confided to him with fidelity and competency, and has evinced singular ability and aptitude; is zealous, vigilant and competent, hence the man especially needed at the helm, so to speak, of this great office, which is now managed with the accuracy of a mathematical formula; brought about by his skill, tact and constant attention. He is patient, persevering, industrious, of urbane and unassuming manner, always at his post of duty, and does his work conscientiously."



tiously and well; has deliberation and discretion, which are essential requisites to success in the head of the postoffice. He is always calm and self-reliant, under the evident consciousness that he is able to perform the work before him; has none of the pretenses of a vain man, and none of the hesitancy of a weak one. He has been influential with the department at Washington in se-

curing needed reforms and appropriations in the interest of the office, and hence the public. There seems to have been a certain leaven of intellectual and moral power formed in him, or infused there, which has been the prime impetus in spurring the powers of his youth and impelling the energies of his manhood."

## EUGENE J. ADAMS.

**E**UGENE JOSEPH ADAMS, a native of Chicago, who has spent half his life in railroad service in this city, was born December 6, 1862. He is a son of Thomas and Joan (Burke) Adams. Thomas Adams was born in the parish of Emily, County Tipperary, Ireland, and died in Chicago, August 27, 1893, at the age of sixty years. About 1850 he emigrated to America and located in Chicago, where he soon obtained employment as a clerk in the postoffice, under Postmaster Isaac Cook. He served in this capacity eight or nine years, at the end of which time he became baggage agent of the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne Railroad. He served this corporation at its Chicago terminal until the Union Passenger Station was built, in 1881. At that date he became the General Baggage Agent of the Union Depot Company, supervising the handling of all the baggage transported by the five lines entering that station. He continued to discharge the duties of this position up to the time of his death, a fact which attests his faithfulness and capability. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and an adherent of the Democratic party.

Mrs. Joan Adams, who still resides in Chicago, was born at Elgin, Illinois. She is a daughter of Eugene Burke, an early settler at that place, who died there in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Adams

were the parents of eight children, all now residents of Chicago, to whose training and education the parents gave especial attention. Their names are: Eugene J., Margaret V., Samuel M., James J., John F., Mazie E., Harry S. and Elizabeth.

Eugene J. Adams attended St. Patrick's Commercial Academy and afterward took an eighteen-months course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College. At the age of sixteen years he became a clerk in his father's office, and was continuously connected therewith up to the time of the latter's death. He succeeded his father as General Baggage Master at the Union Station, a position for which he was amply fitted by experience and training, and which he acceptably fills at the present time. Fifty men are required to handle the baggage which passes through this station, and twenty-five others are employed in taking care of the United States mails which arrive and depart therefrom. Mr. Adams supervises the work of these departments with an ease and alacrity born of years of practice and experience, and enjoys to an unusual degree the confidence of the corporations served by the terminal company. His position is one requiring constant and unremitting attention, and permits of no vacations or holidays throughout the entire year. Comparatively few of the people who constitute the traveling public realize or appreciate to what extent

their comfort or convenience depends upon the prompt and systematic labors performed by Mr. Adams and his assistants.

In 1889 occurred the marriage of Mr. Adams and Miss Helen E. Rowan, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Rowan, of Chicago. A son is the fruit of this union, now four years of age, and bearing the name of Thomas. Mr. Adams and

his family are members of the Lawndale Catholic Church, and Mr. Adams is a member of the Royal League. He has been a Democrat from boyhood, though he never participates in active politics. His life has been devoted strictly to the performance of duty, and his rapid promotion is due to his energy, punctuality and capacity.

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## STEPHEN SEXTON.

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STEPHEN SEXTON, among the pioneer residents of Chicago, is deserving of especial mention in this volume. His father, Sylvester Sexton, in whose veins the Scottish blood flowed, was born in County Clare, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1808. He settled at Rochester, New York, where he died in 1810, shortly before the birth of his son Stephen. The latter was the youngest of eight children. He grew up in Rochester, where he married Ann Gaughan, who was born in County Mayo, Ireland, as were her parents, Thomas and Margaret (Jackson) Gaughan. The last-named was a relative of President Andrew Jackson, for whom her grandson (see sketch on another page) received his second Christian name. Thomas Gaughan was numbered among the van of Chicago settlers, having located on the site of what is now South Chicago in 1819. He died there in 1827, and his widow survived until 1864, reaching the age of ninety-three years.

Stephen Sexton was a pioneer settler in Chicago, coming here early in the year 1834, and locating on the North Side. He was a carpenter by occupation, and became very well known as an expert draughtsman, builder and contractor. One of the first public schoolhouses in Chicago was erected by him. He was an ardent Democrat, and took an active part in political move-

ments during the early days. He died April 7, 1861, having been preceded to the other shore eleven days by his wife, who died on the 27th of March, that year. They had eight sons and four daughters who grew to maturity. Margaret Elizabeth married James E. Cassidy, and also reared twelve children; Thomas S., for many years an employe of the Chicago postoffice, died in December, 1889; Mary Ann married James E. Ennis, and reared nine children, all of whom graduated at the Chicago High School; three died in early childhood, and James A. is the seventh; William H. is a citizen of New Orleans, Louisiana; Sarah E. married John Highland, of Chicago, who was a Sergeant in Colonel Sexton's company of the Seventy-second Illinois Infantry; Henry M. is superintendent of the refrigerator-car service of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, being the inventor of the cars used; George M. is a resident of Chicago; Eliza married George B. Hopkins, who is superintendent of a western division of the Wells-Fargo Express; Austin O. and Joseph W. are residents of Chicago, the former being a prominent Democratic politician, who served several years in the City Council and eight years as a Member of the Illinois Legislature; and Louis N. resides in Liverpool, England. All the daughters are deceased, and seven of the sons are still living.



## ARCHIBALD B. McLEAN.

**A**RCHIBALD BRUCE McLEAN. It is a remarkable circumstance that this gentleman, although he has attained the age of over seventy-five years and has spent the greater part of this time either in active business or military service, has never been a witness of an accident. He was born at Stirling, Scotland, a locality teeming with romantic interest and historic reminiscences, on the 7th of April, 1820. Both his parents were worthy representatives of the Scotch nation.

His father, Alexander McLean, who was born at Callendar, became a cabinet-maker at Stirling, where his death occurred when Archibald was but three years old. The mother, Elizabeth (Robinson) McLean, was a native of Bannockburn. After reaching the age of eighty years she came to America, and died at Brooklyn, New York, in 1871, at the venerable age of one hundred and one years and two months. She was the youngest of a family of ten children which was conspicuous for the longevity of its members. Her eldest brother, James Robinson, reached the age of one hundred and fifteen years, dying at Glengary, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McLean were the parents of seven sons, four of whom still survive. James is a business man of Glasgow, Scotland. Alexander and George are citizens, respectively, of Brooklyn and Albany, New York. John died in Cork, Ireland, after serving fifteen years in the British army. Neal died in a hospital from the effects of wounds received during the great American Civil War; and Archibald B. is the next in order of birth. Donald, the eldest of the family, died in boyhood.

Archibald B. McLean grew to manhood in his native town, and at the age of ten years began to

learn the tailor's trade, an occupation which he has continued ever since, with the exception of the time spent in military service. At the age of seventeen years he entered the British army as a member of the Seventy-first Highland Light Infantry, which was soon afterward ordered to Canada to assist in quelling the rebellion then in progress in that colony. He saw considerable skirmish duty during this expedition, and was stationed most of the time at Montreal or St. John's, Canada.

In 1843 he was discharged from the service of the Crown, and, coming to the United States, located at Albany, New York, where he worked at his trade for the next two years. At the end of that time he enlisted in the United States navy and embarked on the seventy-four-gun ship "Columbus," which sailed from Brooklyn, New York, upon a voyage around the world. While at a Chinese port the crew first heard of the war between the United States and Mexico and received orders to sail for the coast of California. Upon their arrival they patrolled that coast until the close of hostilities, when they returned to the Atlantic Coast by way of Cape Horn. The voyage, which terminated at Norfolk, Virginia, had lasted for thirty-five months, during which time they had sailed sixty-eight thousand miles.

Mr. McLean again went to Albany and opened a tailoring establishment, carrying on business at that place until 1854, when he came to Chicago and engaged in business on Randolph Street. Three years later he removed to Janesville, Wisconsin. Here he carried on a merchant-tailoring establishment until the outbreak of the rebellion, when he was again seized with the spirit of mil-



itary enthusiasm. Soon after the fall of Fort Sumter he recruited Company D of the Second Wisconsin Infantry, and, declining a Captain's commission, became the First Lieutenant thereof. He reached the field with his regiment in time to take part in the disastrous battle of Bull Run, and after serving six months resigned his commission and applied for a position in the Marine Corps. Having passed the prescribed age, and the officers not being aware of his past naval experience, his services were declined, and he re-enlisted in Company C, of the Twenty-seventh Wisconsin. He chose the position of color-bearer, and served in that capacity until the close of hostilities. Though he was constantly exposed to the fire of the enemy, taking part in many of the bloodiest engagements of the war, Mr. McLean received no wounds and was never in a hospital. After participating in the battles of Fort Donelson, Pittsburg Landing and Corinth, he took part in General Shield's expedition in Arkansas. This campaign encountered fourteen general engagements in twenty-one days, besides meeting a great deal of guerrilla warfare. After the close of the campaign he was sent to Mobile and took part in the siege of that place, which terminated the war.

After peace came he remained one year in Janesville, but in 1866 again located in Chicago,

where he was continuously engaged in merchant tailoring until June, 1894, when he resigned the business to his son, W. S. McLean, who had previously been for some years a partner in the business. During the twenty-nine years' existence of this establishment it has won and retained a valuable patronage and is still in a flourishing condition.

On the 11th of April, 1849, Mr. McLean was married to Margaret Shields, a native of Elgin, Morayshire, Scotland. Four children have been born to them, all of whom are residents of this city. They are: William S., the present successor of his father in business; Archibald, who is also connected with the establishment; George, who has charge of a department in the great wholesale establishment of Marshall Field & Co.; and Isabella, now the wife of William L. Melville. Mr. and Mrs. McLean are the proud grandparents of eight children.

For over forty years Mr. McLean has been connected with the Masonic order, and although he has been at times a member of other societies, is not identified with any other organization at the present time. He has been a steadfast Republican from the organization of that party, and has ever been a patriotic and public-spirited citizen of the land of his adoption.

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## RALPH N. TRIMINGHAM.

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**R**ALPH N. TRIMINGHAM, Secretary of the Chicago Underwriters' Association, is one of the best known insurance men in the city. He was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, September 2, 1838, and is the eldest son of Ralph and Ann (Brine) Trimmingham, and a member of one of the oldest Colonial families.

The Trimmingham family was founded in Bermuda by James Trimmingham, who emigrated

thither from England during the reign of Charles II. and died there April 1, 1735. The mercantile house which he established and conducted there during his lifetime was inherited and enlarged by successive generations of his descendants. He was the father of four sons and two daughters. Of these, John, the third son, married Elizabeth Jones. Francis, the third son of this couple, died in 1813. He inherited the rare

commercial instincts of his ancestors, and under his able guidance the business assumed extensive proportions, and branch houses were established in the Barbadoes, St. Vincent, and St. John's, Newfoundland. Several of his sons became partners in the concern, and continued the business for some time after his death. The firm owned a number of vessels and maintained extensive trade between the places above mentioned and various ports in Great Britain and South America.

Francis Trimmingham married Frances Lightbourn, and they were the parents of eight children, the youngest of whom was Ralph, father of the subject of this notice. The last-named gentleman, who was born at Bermuda in 1801, removed while a young man to St. John's, taking charge of the company's interests at that place. He was married there, and about 1847 removed to Baltimore, Maryland, where the firm of which he was a member also established a mercantile house. Four years later he disposed of his interest in the business, and in 1851 removed to St. Vincent, where he turned his attention to agriculture and operated a large sugar plantation for the next four years. He then came to Chicago, and for a brief period re-engaged in merchandising, but soon retired from active business. His death occurred in 1869, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife survived until August, 1874, departing this life at the age of sixty-three years. She was born in Newfoundland and was a daughter of Robert and Ann Brine. They came from the South of England and settled at St. John's, where Mr. Brine was for many years a prosperous merchant.

Ralph N. Trimmingham was educated at private schools, it being the intention of his parents to give him a college education and fit him for the Episcopal ministry. This purpose had to be abandoned, however, and at the age of sixteen years he entered upon his business career as clerk in a lawyer's office at St. Vincent. His subsequent occupations have usually been of a clerical order, and he seems to be peculiarly adapted for the accurate, methodical labors which are so essential to success in such avocations. For some

time previous to the departure of the family from St. Vincent he was employed as cashier in a dry-goods store, and his first occupation in Chicago was of a similar nature. A few years after locating here he entered the office of Magill & Latham, vessel-owners and commission merchants, with whom he remained for some time. He subsequently became a bookkeeper for his uncle, William Brine, who was a commission merchant operating upon the Board of Trade.

Since 1866 he has been identified with the fire-underwriting interests of the city. His first connection in that line was with the Home Insurance Company of New York, under the management of Gen. A. C. Ducat, with whom he remained for a little over ten years. After leaving the employ of the Home he for a short time became engaged in mercantile pursuits, but soon re-entered the business of fire insurance. In 1882 he was elected Secretary of the Underwriters' Exchange, a combination of insurance companies, and when the members of that organization united with those of the Chicago Board of Underwriters in forming the Chicago Fire Underwriters' Association, an institution organized for a similar purpose, he continued to serve the new concern in the same capacity. In 1894 the last-named corporation was succeeded by the Chicago Underwriters' Association. In recognition of his experience and previous services, Mr. Trimmingham was elected Secretary of the new association, and the performance of his duties to these successive organizations has absorbed his time and attention since 1885.

On the 16th of April, 1885, he was married to Miss Carrie J., daughter of Robert G. Goodwillie, an early resident of Chicago. They are the parents of two daughters, named, respectively, Elizabeth and Anna. For thirty-eight years Mr. Trimmingham held membership with the Third Presbyterian Church of Chicago, in which, for seventeen years, he was Elder and Clerk of the Session. He is now Elder of the First Presbyterian Church at Oak Park, where he lives. He has been identified with the Masonic order for the last twenty years, being a member of Cleveland Lodge, Washington Chapter and Siloam



Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Eminent Commander. His life has been marked by diligent, punctual habits and the conscientious observance of upright principles. He has witnessed the growth and development of

Chicago for nearly forty years, and during all that time he has spent but little time out of the city, his chief recreation being found in his domestic and social relations.

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## GILBERT W. BARNARD.

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GILBERT WORDSWORTH BARNARD is well known amid Masonic circles throughout America and Europe, and has a world-wide reputation for sterling character, accommodating manners, and devotion to the interests of the order. He was born at Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, June 1, 1834, and is the son of George Washington Barnard, whose death occurred previous to the birth of this son. The father of George W. Barnard, whose name was spelled Bernarde, was a Frenchman. Following the noble example of the immortal La Fayette, he came to America to enlist in the cause of freedom, and upon the termination of the conflict settled in western New York, where he married and became the father of two sons. The elder of these died without issue, and the second lived and died in Wayne County, that state. The latter became the captain of a passenger packet on the Erie Canal, a position of considerable importance in his time. His wife, Sabrina Deming, was a native of New York, and now resides in Howard City, Michigan, at the extreme old age of eighty years, her present name being Preston.

Gilbert W. Barnard was reared in the family of his maternal grandfather, David Demming, a native of Connecticut, who removed to Jackson County, Michigan, soon after his grandson became a member of his family. The Demming family was founded in America by four brothers, who settled in Connecticut early in the seventeenth century. The name was originally spelled

Dummond, but by a process of evolution peculiar to foreign names in America, it became Demming, and was contracted by the present generation by the omission of one "m."

The subject of this biography spent the first fifteen years of his life in Jackson County, Michigan, whence he came to Chicago and began his business career as clerk in a general store. He afterward engaged in the book and stationery business, which line of trade he carried on for several years, achieving a reputation for upright and honorable dealing, and winning the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. During the first year of his residence in Chicago he joined the volunteer fire department, and during the next nine or ten years rendered much valuable service to the city.

In October, 1864, he joined the Masonic order and has ever since been actively identified with its interests. He has taken over three hundred degrees known to Masonry, and has filled most of the principal offices in the subordinate and grand lodges. He is at present Past Master of Garden City Lodge; Past High Priest of Corinthian Chapter No. 69, R. A. M.; Past Eminent Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Knights Templar; Past Commander-in-Chief of Oriental Consistory; Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter; Grand Recorder of the Grand Council and of the Grand Commandery; and Grand Secretary of the Council of Deliberation, S. P. R. S., and other bodies.



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JACOB MANZ.

In 1877 he was elected Secretary of the Capitular, Cryptic and Chivalric Grand Bodies of the State of Illinois, a position he has ever since filled, and has devoted the best years of his life to the interests of the fraternity, administering to the wants of his brethren, and relieving the needs of their widows and orphans in distress. His signal ability and unrelenting efforts in the performance of his duties have won for him a host of friends and admirers. He has labored untiringly in behalf of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, of which he was the first Secretary, and through his active efforts has contributed much to the upbuilding of that worthy institution.

His long connection with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite has placed him in correspondence with all branches of the order in all parts of the world. His commodious quarters in the Masonic Temple are general headquarters for Masonic affairs, and the resort of brethren from every civilized country on the globe. They contain an ample library, and are filled with numerous other articles of use or interest to members of the fraternity.

Mr. Barnard was married in 1863, and one child, a daughter, is still living, he having lost three children.

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## JACOB MANZ.

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JACOB MANZ, one of the self-made men of Chicago, and prominent among its Swiss-American citizens, is an excellent representative of the benefits of a Republican Government. He was born October 1, 1837, in Marthalen, in the canton of Zurich, Switzerland, in which his grandparents and parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Keller) Manz, were also born.

Jacob Manz, Sr., was a stone-cutter in early life, and became an architect and superintendent, which indicates that he made the best use of his faculties and opportunities. Having heard much of the wonderful republic beyond the seas, he came to America in 1853, to ascertain for himself if it afforded better opportunities for an ambitious man than his native land. He spent six months at Lima, Ohio, and came to Chicago in the spring of 1854. He soon decided to remain here, and wrote to his wife to dispose of their property in Switzerland and follow him, with the children. On account of the youth of some of the latter, whose studies were not yet completed, as well as the difficulty of disposing of the property to ad-

vantage, the move was postponed until death prevented the meeting again on earth of husband and wife. The latter died in 1860, at the age of fifty-eight years. Mr. Manz did some building in Chicago, but was forced in a short time to give up business by the failure of his sense of hearing. His latter years were occupied in carving marble monuments, and he died in 1886, aged eighty-four years, leaving two sons and two daughters. Marguerite, the eldest, is the wife of Ulrich Liechty, residing at Polk City, Iowa. Elizabeth, Mrs. Toggenburger, is living at Bluffton, Ohio, near which place the younger son, William, also resides.

Jacob Manz, the elder son and third mature child of his parents, grew up in his native village, attending the public schools until his thirteenth year. He was then apprenticed to a firm of wood-engravers in Schaffhausen, with whom he remained until sixteen years old. Through the dissolution of partnership of his employers, he was unable to finish the prescribed term of his apprenticeship, but his natural ability and industry



had already made him a skillful engraver. He immediately set out for America, crossing the ocean on a sailing-vessel, and arriving in Chicago in the middle of July, 1855. He soon found employment with S. D. Childs & Company, with whom he continued six years, and was next for five years in the employ of W. D. Baker, a well-known Chicago engraver. His long terms in these connections are sufficient indication of his faithfulness and skill. After a short period with Bond & Chandler, Mr. Manz formed a partnership with another engraver and went into business for himself, late in 1866.

The firm was known as Maas & Manz, and was first located at the corner of Clark and Washington Streets, and was two years later moved to Dearborn and Madison. While here, Mr. Manz became the sole proprietor of the business, by purchasing the interest of his partner, and was a very heavy loser in the great fire of 1871, realizing almost nothing of insurance. He had faith, however, in himself and the city, and very soon opened a shop on West Madison Street, near Union, whence he shortly removed to Clinton and Lake Streets. He subsequently occupied locations on La Salle, Madison and Dearborn Streets, and is now established at Nos. 183 to 187 Monroe Street. The business, in the mean time, has kept pace with the growth of the city and the improvements in the art of engraving. It is now conducted by an incorporated company,

known as J. Manz & Company, of which Mr. Manz is President, F. D. Montgomery Vice-President, and Alfred Bersbach Secretary and Treasurer. Every process of engraving adaptable to the printing-press is carried on, and about one hundred people are employed in the establishment.

The genial and benevolent character of Mr. Manz has naturally led to participation in the work of many social and charitable organizations. He is a member of the Sons of Hermann, Schweizer Maennerchor, Swiss Benevolent Society, Germania Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Gauntlet Lodge, Knights of Pythias, also of the Royal League and National Union. In religious faith, he adheres to the Swiss Reformed Church, and has been a Democrat in political preference since 1876. His only visit to the home of his childhood was made in the summer of 1894, when he made a tour of interesting localities in Europe.

Mr. Manz has been twice married. January 6, 1859, he wedded Miss Carolina Knoepfli, who died September 7, 1866. She was a native of Ossingen, Switzerland. Two of her children are living, namely: Caroline and William Manz. November 24, 1867, Mr. Manz married Johanna Hesse, who was born in Crivitz, Mecklenburg, Germany. Her children are Ida, Paul, Adolph and Helena Manz.

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## HUGO NEUBERGER.

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**H**UGO NEUBERGER. Germans as a class are a thrifty people, and when, after some years, those who have come from the Fatherland return to pay their visits to old, loved scenes, their friends wonder at the wealth Fortune has allowed them to so quickly acquire in our beloved country of such advantages; for here each man is equal in the eyes, not only of

God, but the law; here he may do as he pleases, so long as he does not commit a crime or trespass upon the rights of his neighbors. Politically, they are formidable too, for we can see in the election of Governor Altgeld what power is theirs when they unite upon a candidate.

A man of influence among his fellow-citizens was Hugo Neuberger, who was born at Camberg,

near Frankfort, Germany, on the 8th day of April, 1819. He came of a good family, one of his brothers afterward becoming Mayor of his native place, in which office he was continued for a period of twenty years. Hugo, being a younger son, and denied, according to the laws of the Old World, some of the rights and advantages of an elder child, like so many other enterprising young men, came to this country to seek his fortune (or, let us say, to make his fortune), in boyhood. He settled very soon after his arrival in his life-long home, Chicago, which he grew to love with that strong attachment entertained by all the old settlers, who have seen its wonderful rise from a sandy lowland (not unlike a part of Holland) to its present growth as the metropolis of the Mississippi Valley, and destined before long to become one of the most powerful cities of the globe.

He bought, after many exchanges (for he was a man of speculation, a typical American, always ready for a trade), the valuable piece of property now known as Nos. 284 and 286 North Clark Street, about the year 1860. Here he built a substantial frame house, used as a grocery and (according to the Old Country custom) a beer hall combined, with his residence adjoining. This was destroyed some years after his death, in the great fire of 1871. His widow rebuilt more substantially in brick a structure of three stories, now used as dwelling flats, having by self-denial and unusual good sense been able to keep the property and family together, and to see the latter properly brought up to become useful members of the community.

Mr. Neuberger had been a landscape-gardener in Germany; but it is needless to remark in those early days there was no demand for such services in this vicinity, although no doubt at this date, were he again to come among us as he did so many years ago, his able intelligence would be eagerly sought by the owners of some of our palatial residences, for we have already grown to number in our midst some of the finest homes to be found anywhere in the country. Accordingly, he turned his active mind to something that was practicable in those days, from which he had the satisfaction of knowing that he died in fair

circumstances, and future advances certainly conspired to give to his family who survived him a success in life which at that time could not have been altogether foreseen.

He was a consistent Democrat, voting regularly but never seeking office. He was a Catholic in faith, although his family, like their mother, have altogether embraced the Lutheran tenets. As a citizen he was law-abiding and reliable and had many friends. He died in July, 1863, and was buried in the family lot in Graceland Cemetery. Had he lived to more mature years he would have been justly proud of his family, whom it was fated he should be taken from in middle life.

Mr. Neuberger married, May 25, 1854, Miss Magdalena Ludwig, of Detroit, Michigan, a daughter of Simon and Margaret (Knaben) Ludwig, who emigrated from Baden, Germany. She was born in the City of Straits, July 18, 1835, removing to this city in early life, where she grew to know and love the subject of this sketch; and although widowed in early life, she has been faithful to his memory ever since, as she will die, filled with the trust of guiding aright the family of young people entrusted by God to her motherly charge. All of them have grown to be a comfort to her, respectable members of the community, and some of them with descendants who call her "Grandma." It is owing to her watchful care during the past more than thirty years that her children grew up in honor, and that they could be kept together in a home, and with a property left them (of comparatively little value at the time) now grown to be of considerable worth.

Four children were the fruits of their happy, though short, wedded life. Louise, born April 3, 1855, married, April 5, 1883, Julian Vandeburge, of Chicago, an editor in good standing; they have two children, Madeline Marie and Julian. Babetta married, in 1892, David J. Lyons, of the merchant police force, who unfortunately died the following year, leaving no children. Magdalene is unmarried. Hugo George married, in 1887, Miss Emma L. Hunting, of Chicago, who died in 1892, leaving two children, Anna Louise and Florence Augusta. He has been for some years a



commercial traveler, but at present is employed on the merchant police.

We thus see that Mr. Neuberger established one of the representative German families of the city, whose members, as they grow more and more into harmony with American ideas, will

bring honor and fame to his name. Therefore it is eminently fitting that his history should be preserved herein, that those who shall follow in after years may gain a faint idea of the early life of this Chicago pioneer.

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## EDWARD F. PEUGEOT.

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**E**DWARD FREDERICK PEUGEOT, an early citizen of Chicago, and at one time a leading merchant and importer, was born in Buffalo, New York, September 8, 1836, and was the son of Peter Peugeot, a native of France. He was also a relative of Peugeot Brothers, the famous bicycle manufacturers of Paris. Peter Peugeot was a highly esteemed citizen of Buffalo, New York, to which city he removed from France in 1833. He was engaged several years in the hardware business, and as a manufacturer of machinery, but, having amassed a competency, he retired from active business twenty years before his death, which occurred November 22, 1875, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, having been a resident of Buffalo forty-two years. His wife, Desiree, *nee* Sachet, also a native of France, survived him, and her death occurred in November, 1886. They were the parents of thirteen children, all but two of whom died before their father. Ellen J. became the wife of Judge W. M. Oliver, of Buffalo, and died at San Marcial, New Mexico, while there trying to restore her health. Another daughter, Amelia, now deceased, became the wife of George P. Bird, now a wealthy mill-owner in Helena, Montana.

The other survivor was Edward, the subject of this sketch, who came to Chicago in 1857, when twenty-one years of age, and displayed great ability in building up the largest toy importing house in the West, which was known as Peugeot's Variety Store. During the time when his business was largest, he made annual visits

to France to select goods. He was the local representative of some of the largest and best known manufacturing companies in France. When Chicago was destroyed in 1871, he lost everything, and, on account of the failure of the local insurance companies, caused by the unparalleled magnitude of their losses, he realized nothing from that source. However, he went into business again after the fire, and to some extent retrieved his fortune.

On the 14th of March, 1861, Mr. Peugeot was married to Maria L. Flershem, daughter of Lemuel H. Flershem, who is mentioned at length in this volume. Four children blessed the home of Mr. Peugeot, namely: Nina, now the wife of Conrad Mueller, real-estate dealer and Assistant Clerk of the Sheriff of New York County; she has one child, Edward Herman Mueller. Ione, the second daughter, resides with her mother. Pierre and Leon are now in the employ of W. McGregor & Company, of Chicago. Mr. Peugeot died August 8, 1886, and subsequently his widow became the wife of William McGregor (see sketch elsewhere in this work).

Edward F. Peugeot was a man in whom those elements so essential to social popularity and business success were prominent, and he was always the center of a large circle of admiring friends. He was a very enterprising merchant, possessing a high character and integrity, and left to his children, as a legacy, a good name and an excellent example of true manhood.



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Ferdinand Link

## FERDINAND LINK.

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**F**ERDINAND LINK. "*Der Gipfel des Berges funkelt im abend Sonnenschein,*" sings the beautiful, irresistible Lorelei, seated upon the picturesque summits of those storied, castle-crowned highlands of the Rhine, whence she drew to herself all who came within the scope of her vision. It is proper now to write modestly of one born in the Fatherland, to whom the sound of "America" was, like the harmony of the old folksong, an entrancing melody, full of bright prophecy, the hope of whose fulfillment he could not withstand.

Ferdinand Link was born on the 1st of November, 1829, in Birkigt Herzogthum, Meiningen, Germany, his parents being Trougott and Rosina (Schmidt) Link, persons of respectable attainments, who lived and died in the Old Country. At about his fourteenth year he had completed the learning of the same trade as his father, a carriage-maker, after which, in accordance with the custom of his countrymen, he traveled to improve his knowledge of the craft, a phase of intelligent life very interestingly set forth by the great Goethe in his immortal "Wilhelm Meister."

Having acquired whatever seemed necessary to thoroughly fit his genius to his life-work, he resolved to come to the United States of America; so, in 1848, at the age of nineteen, he set sail from Bremen upon a passage which took forty-nine days in crossing to Baltimore, where he disembarked on the 6th of July, 1848. Presently he found employment at his old trade with a Mr. Bishop, with whom he remained for a time in mutual good-will. Anon, desirous to see more of the New World, and getting on famously with

the new language, he set out for Richmond, Virginia, via the Natural Bridge, up to Abington, where he continued his trade for a season, or until the 1st of November, 1850. Thence, at that time, he proceeded to Kingston Springs, and by way of the Mississippi River as far south as New Orleans, directly returning as far north as this city, which he reached the last week in December, 1850, and where for more than forty years he has continued uninterruptedly to reside, prospered, honored, and full of dignified interests in our midst.

Mr. Link is a very modest man, but in his craft it remains true that in the younger days he was the peer of any in our city, which is amply evidenced by some handiwork, so superior and excellent, that it raises a well-defined doubt as to whether there was any other here who at that time could have done so skillfully. In the language of the country whence he came to our shore, he was a master mechanic, a "turner" of rare ability. Among the things which came like magic from his deft touch were the following, which recur readily to the mind: A finely carved turnout for Governor Wise, of Virginia; the first hearse ever used in our city which had glass sides, made for Undertaker Gavin, before which they used a rough conveyance with a pall thrown over the coffin; and the first public hack ever constructed here or seen upon our pioneer streets. Surely this is quite sufficient to establish Mr. Link's right to be remembered as one of the best "turners" who ever lived with us, and certainly the man who did the first really fine kind of work in several valuable lines.

For eleven years he was foreman for Richard



Biel, a carriage manufacturer on the West Side, who has now gone to the "bourne whence no traveler returns." While working at his trade, Mr. Link also began to turn his attention to that source of financial wealth which has made most of our rich men, and that was to real-estate investments; for never in the history of the world has there been so much money made in so short a time out of building sites as right here in our little Cook County, Illinois. Foreseeing himself what would certainly come of it, he began to make good moves in this direction as fast as he could get money to buy with. On State Street, near Chestnut, which for the greater part has been the locality of his winning moves, he purchased a piece of land and proceeded, in 1858, to put up some houses for rent. The results were gratifying from the start.

In the winter of 1864, in reduced health (advised by his physicians to do so if he wished to prolong his life), he took his family and went to California. The route, before the days of the steam horse, was from New York City, *via* the West Indies and the Carribean Sea, to Aspinwall and Panama, and then by another line of steamers to San Francisco, in which last city he stopped for some time, his condition being much ameliorated by the salubrious climate, and his interest deeply aroused by the quaint customs of that strange new country, whose hills were made of gold. For a season he sojourned at Los Angeles (at a period prior to this of the *fin de siecle*), Alameda, Warm Springs, and returned home in March, 1867, *via* Nicaragua and Greytown. Mr. Link's love of travel is remarkable, and his keenly-observing eyes, with the note-book which he invariably keeps, make it intensely interesting after long years to revisit with him in memorized record those scenes of former delights.

On his return he invested in more real estate near the site of his former possessions, and put up houses upon the same; then came the fire of 1871, that mighty holocaust which cost so many their entire fortunes, and did inestimable damage for a time to all our citizens, until returning courage resulted in rebuilding better than was ever dreamed of before. Mr. Link lost by this fire

seven houses, which shows that he had already grown to be quite a landlord. Nothing daunted, with that admirable energy which was so characteristic of the age, he mortgaged his land to set to work and build again, this time including the construction of a grocery store near the corner of State and Chestnut Streets, which he personally conducted up to the year 1882, when he finally retired from business, well intrenched in his fortunes, with hosts of friends his genial, honest and frank nature had won him, for he never made an enemy in his life.

That he might spend his closing years "under his own vine and fig tree," he bought a fine lot at Number 76 Walton Place, overlooking the lake at its foot (and which now has within plain view the celebrated Newberry Library, since constructed, one of the famous libraries of the world), where he erected a commodious home, wherein the years pass by (when he is not in other scenes) like a dream of the fabled days of old.

In 1852, tired of single blessedness, Mr. Link took to his heart a wife (one of the most congenial, entertaining, whole-souled women in our whole city), Miss Mary Laux being her maiden name. She was born, like himself, in Germany, in the town of Losheim, County of Merzig, Province of Trier, West Prussia, it being territory formerly belonging to the French, and quite adjacent to the famous Alsace-Lorraine country of later years' contest. Her father, Peter Laux (coming of an old French family), had been a second orderly for the great Napoleon. At the battle of Leipsig, his horse being shot under him, he caught the horse of the first orderly, who had himself been killed, which was so bewildered by the fray and smoke of battle, that when *soldat* Laux, being ignorant of the way to his troop, gave the horse his head, he dashed away into the very enemy's lines, where, by a singular mistake, a French flag, which had been captured, was handed him, he being taken for one of their own German forces. Thereupon, he put spurs to his horse and started like lightning away for the opposite side among his friends. His horse was shot by the volley sent after him, and he himself badly wounded in the leg, sustaining, besides several flesh wounds,

a fracture of the leg bone. Crawling under a corn stack, he managed to escape apprehension, and in this way was left for three days before being rescued by his own men and taken to hospital to have his painful wounds dressed. In the mean time, however, he had crawled to the River Katzback to bathe himself, and had kept the old flag, which later came safely into Napoleon's hands. This episode stamps him as a man not only of strong vitality, to withstand such suffering and hardships, but also as a heroic soul, of no common mould.

Mr. Laux, in 1840, took his wife and family, including those who were married, to America; and at this juncture befel a very pathetic scene. As they were about to leave France forever, the vessel bringing from St. Helena the remains of his old general, Napoleon, was coming into port. He wept like a child, and exclaimed, "Why art thou not alive, that I might again forsake my friends and family to follow thee?" With Barbara, his wife, he landed upon Chicago soil on the twenty-fifth day of August, 1840. They have both passed to their eternal rewards, for few of the older settlers are longer left to greet us.

Mrs. Link was born the twenty-fifth day of March, 1833, so that she began her blissful wedded life at the early age of nineteen. One child has blessed their union, Ferdinand Eugene Link, who was born September 10, 1852. He learned his trade of druggist with Mr. Van Derburg, and went into the employ of Tollman & King, wholesale druggists, with whom he still remains, his services being rewarded with the responsible position of manager. He was married, in 1875, to Miss Marion Langdon of this city, by whom he has three children, Ferdinand (third), Marion and John.

Politically the subject of this sketch is a Democrat, not an office-seeker, nor fanatic in his views; locally, he invariably selects the best man, in his candid judgment, for support.

Physically Mr. Link is not a large man, but so engaging in manner that he seems to rise at times to the stature of a giant, as he graphically depicts interesting experiences he has passed through in his varied life of many vicissitudes.

He is one of the most unassuming, genial men it is one's good fortune to run across, hospitable and full of good parts. As an instance of the poetic feeling of his soul (a thing somewhat rare in our crowding, rushing city), at an advanced age, he bought a fine piano, and started in to learn music. He progressed with such amazing rapidity that, although he had but six months' lessons, he really plays very well, and some difficult pieces of classical music, too. It is one of the proudest recollections of his experience that he was permitted, on a foreign tour, to play for a few moments upon the piano of Frederick the Great, in the castle at Potsdam, during which exceptionally honored occasion he very touchingly ran through the pathetic bars of "Sad Thoughts of Thee." One can readily picture this inspiring incident, of one returning from a new country, full of honor and wealth, to the home of his nativity, to view for a season the place that gave him birth. Ah, it is a strange world we live in, and strange indeed are the changes which come to us all!

The incident above related occurred upon his memorable tour of the continent in 1892, when he felt he must visit again the old endeared scenes of his boyhood. Not alone those, but France, Belgium and England were traversed; and if anyone doubts the good use our friend made of his sight, let him sit for a while listening to the "log book," as it has been the writer's privilege, and doubt would vanish before the perfect light of enraptured conviction. It is understood that he is planning another trip abroad for the near future, for he is an indefatigable traveler.

In closing, we must not forget to say, that as his earthly life has been correct, and his surroundings beautiful and uplifting, so he has had the wise foresight to see to it that his remains after death may be in a temporary earthly mansion suitable to his wishes. In the family lot at St. Boniface Cemetery, he has finished the construction of a family tomb, which for exquisiteness of design and perfection of execution is unsurpassed. There is no finer owned or erected in this city's places of burial. The exterior facades are of that handsome, durable stone, rock-faced, known as Blue Bedford; while the interior rises grace-



fully and without that sense of oppression so frequent in low-constructed burial places, being composed of English Channel fire brick and elegant imported Italian marbles. In the center rises the catafalque, which will one day contain the last mortal remains of our dear friend and his beloved

spouse. Each one has his themes of delight. Can there be a more beautiful wish than to lie securely safe after one's earthly existence is over, surrounded by the beauties which, like the hills, pass not away until the judgment day?

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## WILLIAM W. PHELPS.

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**W**ILLIAM WALLACE PHELPS, one of the earliest and most conscientious of our business men, was born at Conesville, Schoharie County, New York, June 17, 1825. His parents were George and Mary (Chapman) Phelps.

Being of the generation of self-made men, he started out with a clear, straightforward mind, aided by a common-school instruction, to do his life work as the Creator foresaw it would come to pass.

First in Oneida, at nineteen years of age, and elsewhere in his native State, he waited upon customers as a clerk behind merchants' counters, and in 1847 went to Catskill, Greene County, New York, to clerk for Potter Palmer. It is needless to add, he did his humble early duties as faithfully and ably as he bore the later more honorable and distinguished burdens which time demonstrated he was more than equal to carrying.

Henceforth he was fated to join forces with that truly royal man, Potter Palmer, the bare mention of whose name thrills the listener with intense admiration, and conjures up in his mind the rapid achievement of our unrivalled city; in all and through all of which none has been more modestly conspicuous and helpful than Mr. Palmer. Along with Mr. Palmer, Mr. Phelps was mainly to work out his destiny. It was fitting, for they were brothers-in-law; and so long, unruffled and intimate were their mutual relations

and regard for each other, that the two men actually grew more and more in personal appearance alike. One glance at Mr. Phelps' face, as the artist left it for our delight, and the lineaments of his "dear friend Potter" suggest themselves. Together they removed, in 1851, to Lockport, New York, there engaging in business for about one year only, for in 1852 they started resolutely for the then Far West, resting their weary limbs by the head of the beautiful Lake Michigan, in which place fortune had decreed they should win honorable names and a goodly portion of the desires of this life. One has quite finished his labors and is at rest above all earthly value. Soon the other will go to his comrade's side, while this scene shall know their presence no more; but history is the better, and future generations, though they may realize it not, will be the happier and better that two such American noblemen were among us in our infancy.

Soon after their advent, Mr. Palmer, having some capital at command, entered into the dry-goods business, wherein Mr. Phelps was his confidential friend and financial secretary for long years, always in every way satisfactory in his discharge of onerous trusts.

In 1865 Mr. Phelps went for himself into the wholesale and retail carpet business with a partner, under the style of Hollister & Phelps, having purchased the interest of the former partner, Mr. Wilkins. He sold out his interest in this



paying establishment the June preceding the historical fire of 1871. Thereafter for some six months he enjoyed the delights of old Europe, with the keen intellectual appreciation so characteristic of him, combining business with healthful recreation, as he did considerable buying for Mr. Palmer, who was furnishing the Palmer House, recently built at that time.

Returning to the United States in good condition, he lived the easy life of an "old-school" gentleman for a period of eight years. But active life extended too great temptations to one of his temperament; so it is not surprising, when Mr. Palmer made him a flattering offer, that he found it impossible to resist, and so it is chronicled that the last twelve years of his life were spent as confidential financial manager of that great hostelry, one of the grandest and best known in the wide world, the Palmer House. In him Mr. Palmer had full and explicit trust and confidence. He said: "I can go to California; I may be gone six months; and when I return, I feel I shall hear everything has gone on just the same."

Alas, all must pay the sad debt of nature. Mr. Phelps died May 18, 1891, of Bright's Disease, and was interred in the family lot at Graceland, where a fine monument marks his beautiful final resting-place. For many years he was an attendant at the Plymouth Congregational Church, where he held a pew. Bishop Cheney, a warm friend, officiated at the funeral obsequies at his magnificent mansion house, No. 2518 Prairie Avenue.

Mr. Phelps married, first, Lydia Palmer, sister of Potter Palmer, in the fall of 1867. She died on the very day of the Fire of 1871, without issue. September 9, 1873, he wedded Miss Cornelia Austina Hubbard, of Spring Prairie, Wisconsin. In good health, she continues to survive her lamented husband, whose memory is sacred in her heart and whose worth she delights to exalt and honor. How strong under such circumstances does the merit of this undertaking appear! They who make for themselves honorable names, but are barred by fate against leaving children, must herein find their most lasting and fitting monument in this record of their good deeds.

Cornelia A. (Hubbard) Phelps is a daughter of Alfred Hubbard and Hannah Steele, of Windham, Greene County, New York, being the youngest of eight children. Alfred Hubbard was a son of Timothy Hubbard and Dorothy Raleigh, of Connecticut. Hannah Steele was a daughter of Stephen Steele and Hannah Simonds, also of Connecticut.

Mr. Phelps was a staunch Republican, a conscientious Christian, a gentleman and a lover of home. Tall and straight of stature, his pale blonde face, handsome, yet full of kindly character, firm mouth, prominent eyes, heavy eyebrows and massive forehead well denoted the strength he possessed. He and Mr. Palmer might have been taken for brothers. Their names are indelibly associated, and those who, in coming years, when the flowers are blossoming over ancient graves, shall read the records of the two lives, will understand more deeply and solemnly than words can depict what this age and this city owe to men like Potter Palmer and William Wallace Phelps.

It is fitting that this work shall record the following quite full and satisfactory genealogical descent:

Ichabod Phelps, who was a merchant in England, married Betsy Bristol, and, coming to this country, in company with three brothers, settled at Salisbury, in Litchfield County, Connecticut. Later he removed to Wyoming, Pennsylvania, where he continued to reside until the historical massacre there by the Indians under the notorious Brant, upon which event he took a fresh departure for Broome, Schoharie County, New York, where he built and conducted a general store. His son, Othniel Phelps, born in 1777, died in 1856. He was twice married; first, to Polly Fiero, and secondly to Hannah Frost, who lived to the remarkable age of ninety-two years, dying in 1876.

The eldest son by the first marriage was George W. Phelps, who was born in 1798, at Conesville, Schoharie County, New York, and died July 3, 1866. He was twice married; first, about the year 1820, to Zerviah Potter, who died three years later, leaving two sons, Othniel B. and Samuel P. (for a sketch of Othniel B. *vide*

other pages herein); second, he married, about 1824, Mary Chapman, who was born February 25, 1801, and died January 28, 1879. She was a daughter of Samuel Chapman (born January 13, 1773, died November 30, 1858) and Rhoda Cowles, his wife (born September 3, 1775, and

died in 1801). By this second marriage there were eight children: Helen M., John M., Mary Z., Catherine, Lucinda M., George C., Abbie A. and William Wallace Phelps, the subject of this sketch.

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## CHARLES E. PIPER.

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**C**HARLES EDWARD PIPER was born in the city of Chicago June 12, 1858. His father, Otis Piper, well and favorably known to the pioneer business men of Chicago, was of English extraction, and traced his descent directly to ancestors who arrived in America and settled at the town of New Salem in 1782. His mother, Margaret (McGrory) Piper, of Scotch-Irish lineage, was a native of Prescott, province of Ontario, Canada, whither her father removed in 1824.

Otis Piper, with his family, came to Chicago in 1851, at a time when the struggling town was barely beginning to give promise of future importance, and cast in his lot with the few fervent-spirited citizens whose eyes of faith saw, above the alternating sand dunes and swamps of that early period, something of the glory of the present metropolis. Amid the surroundings common to the pioneer outposts of civilization in our country, Charles Edward Piper, the subject of this sketch, first saw the light of day. The foundation of his education was laid in the public schools of the city, and in the face of many trials and vicissitudes was, nevertheless, so firmly planted in the mind of the young boy that an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, and an indomitable determination to obtain it, impelled him to successively graduate from the high school in 1876, the North-

western University in 1882, and the Union College of Law in 1889, earning, in the mean time, his own livelihood and the means to meet his student's expenses.

After completing his law course, he entered upon practice with Mr. Wilbert J. Andrews, under the firm name of Andrews & Piper, a firm which is recognized as one of the leading real-estate law firms in Chicago. The business of buying and selling real estate has naturally grown up with the practice of real-estate law, and the suburban town of Berwyn was founded by and is today, to a considerable extent, the property of Mr. Piper and his associates. Socially Mr. Piper is a genial, warm-hearted gentleman, easy in his manners and a favorite in several social organizations with which he is connected, notably the Prairie Club, of Oak Park, and the Lincoln Club, of West Chicago. In religious matters he is a follower of Wesley, and a consistent member of the Methodist Church. He is President of the State Epworth League and Treasurer of the National Epworth League. Politically he is a Republican, "dyed in the wool," is President of the town of Cicero, and has held the office of Supervisor of the town of South Chicago, as well as that of member of the Board of Education of the town of Cicero.

August 15, 1882, he married Carrie L. Gregory,



daughter of Edwin and Anna S. Gregory, of Nauvoo, Illinois, and granddaughter of Robert Lane, partner of John Morris, of Philadelphia, of Revolutionary fame. The three living children of Mr. and Mrs. Piper are: Carrie E., born May 29, 1884; Lulu L.; and Robert G., December 6, 1889.

Mr. Piper vividly recalls the burning of Chicago on the fatal October 8, 1871, but at that time, fortunately, was residing outside of the burnt district, and escaped any serious personal damages or loss. He is the President of the Method-

ist Forward Movement of Chicago, and takes deep interest in the building of the Epworth House, at Number 229 Halsted Street, now in process of erection. This house, like its prototype, Hull House, is designed to serve as an oasis in the desert of poverty and iniquity, and will aid greatly in the regeneration of that benighted region. He was one of the founders, and is now an officer, of the Epworth Children's Home, and is at the present time President of the Chicago Methodist Social Union.

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## FRANCIS WARNER.

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**F**RANCIS WARNER, a quiet, worthy citizen of Chicago, is a descendant of very early English and German yeomanry. He was born at Watertown, Massachusetts, January 26, 1819. His parents, George Warner and Mary Salisbury, were natives, respectively, of Packington and Ashby de la Zouche, in Leicestershire, near the border of Nottinghamshire, England. The family name was originally Werner, and was brought to England from Germany, after the Reformation of Martin Luther. England had just become a Protestant country, and the founder of this family on English soil received a grant of land near the Welsh border. He had a coat-of-arms, the principal objects on which were a castle surmounted by a squirrel, with a motto signifying, "Not for ourselves alone, but for others." Mary Salisbury was a lineal descendant of a man-at-arms who flourished long before the first Werner came to England, and was granted a "hide" of land (being all that he could surround with an ox's hide cut into strips) by the lord of the manor, whose life he had saved in battle.

Members of the Warner family came to America in the early Colonial days, and it is a tradition that one settled in each of the colonies of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

George Warner and Mary Salisbury were married in England in 1806, and removed four years later to Massachusetts, where eight of their eleven children were born. Mr. Warner was a lace weaver, and was employed at his trade in and about Watertown, Massachusetts, until 1837, when he came to Illinois. He engaged in farming in Northfield Township, La Salle County, for over twenty years, and then went to Iowa, and settled on the Soldier River, near the present site of Ida Grove. After he retired from farming he returned to Massachusetts and died at Ipswich, in that State, in 1874, at the age of eighty-nine years. Both he and his wife were born in 1785. The latter died in Illinois in 1851, age sixty-six.

All of their seven sons and two of their daughters grew to adult life. Samuel, born in England, and an upholsterer by occupation, passed most of his life in Massachusetts, and died, as the result



of an accident, in St. Louis, Missouri. George, born in Massachusetts, was a farmer; he died in La Salle County, Illinois, in 1882, from the effects of a fall. Mary, Mrs. Sanford Peatfield, resides in Ipswich, Massachusetts. Alfred is a resident of Michigan, and John died in Newton, Massachusetts, in 1892, at the age of seventy-three. The subject of this sketch is the sixth. Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of William Powell, a farmer in La Salle County, Illinois. Thomas died in California from the effects of drinking alkali water; and William is engaged in mining in Utah.

Francis Warner was reared in Newton, Massachusetts, and was taught to read by his mother. His only attendance at a public school was one half-day, at which time the teacher was absent. At the age of fifteen years he was apprenticed to a cabinet-maker, and his articles of indenture stipulated that he was to receive \$50 per year and his board. During this apprenticeship he made the most of his opportunities for material and mental advancement. He joined several others in a plan to secure instruction, and they were taught four nights each week, for which the teacher received fifty cents per night. So faithful and diligent was young Warner, that he became a journeyman at the age of nineteen. He immediately went to Boston, where he continued to ply his trade until 1843, when he came to Illinois and took up farming on Somomauk Creek, in La Salle County.

In the spring of 1861 Mr. Warner responded to the call for troops to defend the Union. He first went out in the three-months service, under General McClellan, who was a personal acquaintance, in West Virginia. He was a participator in the battle of Rich Mountain, and was one of the detail which accompanied the body of the Confederate General, Garnett, to Washington, *en route* to his home in Virginia.

In 1862 Mr. Warner again joined the Federal forces, being attached to the Provost-Marshall's department, with the pay and rank of Captain, and was chiefly employed in the charge and handling of prisoners of war, with headquarters in Washington. After the surrender of New Or-

leans, he joined Colonel Wood's command, the First United States Regiment, with which he continued until May, 1865, when he was honorably discharged.

While a resident of La Salle County, Mr. Warner was twice elected to the office of Sheriff, and demonstrated such superior ability in the capture of offenders, that his services were sought by detective agencies throughout the country. Soon after leaving the army he took charge of Allen Pinkerton's New York detective agency, where he continued a year, removing thence to Chicago, where he occupied a similar position until his health failed, in 1879, and he was compelled to resign. After spending three months at the sea shore, on the advice of his physician, he returned to Chicago, very much improved in health and strength, and at once, in 1880, took charge of the detective service of the American Express Company at Chicago. This was his last active employment, in which he still holds an honorary position. Though now in his seventy-seventh year, Mr. Warner exhibits plenty of mental and physical vigor, and is still a useful member of society.

Mr. Warner is a Royal Arch Mason, and was for many years active in the order. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and a consistent and stanch Republican in principle, being one of the founders of that political organization. In 1840 he married Miss Juliette Back, who was born in Burlington, Vermont, August 17, 1819, and is a daughter of Jasper and Sally (Harrington) Back. Mr. Back was one of the minutemen who served at the battle of Plattsburgh, during the last war with Great Britain. Four of Mr. Warner's eight children are now living. Francis Armstrong Warner, the eldest, is a resident of Chicago. Alice, the second, died while the wife of Albert Forbes, leaving an infant daughter, who was reared by Mr. Warner. Juliette died at the age of eighteen months, and Isabel is the wife of Dr. Edward J. Lewis, of Sauk Center, Wisconsin. Ernest died at three years of age, Charles at fourteen, and Gray resides at Denver, Colorado. Nellie is the wife of Henry B. Gates and resides in Wilmette.

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## LYMAN JUDSON GAGE.

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**LYMAN JUDSON GAGE**, President of the First National Bank of Chicago, is widely known as the leading financier of the West, as well as an active power in political and other movements. As a promoter and active Director of the World's Columbian Exposition, he earned and received the good-will of every citizen of Chicago, as well as of most of the world beside.

Eli A. Gage and Mary Judson, parents of the subject of this biography, were natives of New York, of English descent, their ancestors being numbered among the early settlers of New England. The student of American history cannot fail to note that much of the energy and good sense which gave direction to the development of the entire northern half of the United States was contributed by the New England blood.

Lyman J. Gage was born at De Ruyter, Madison County, N. Y., June 28, 1836, and passed the first ten years of his life in that village. On the removal of the family to Rome, N. Y., in 1846, he entered the local academy, but left school to engage in business life at the age of fourteen. For a year, he was employed as clerk in the Rome postoffice, and was detailed by the Postmaster as mail-route agent on the Rome & Watertown Railroad at the age of fifteen. In 1854 he became junior clerk in the Oneida Central Bank at Rome, at a salary of \$100 per annum. His duties in that position were somewhat varied, and involved the sweeping of the bank, as well as many other duties which are fulfilled by a janitor in larger institutions. The ambitious soul of the youth who was destined by fate to control in time great financial enterprises, could not always be content in this position, and after a year and a-half of

service, with no immediate prospect of advancement in position or salary, he resolved to try his fortune in the growing West.

On the 3d of October, 1855, young Gage, being then a little past the completion of his nineteenth year, arrived in Chicago with a capital consisting of brains and energy. He shortly found employment in the lumber-yard of Nathan Cobb, a part of the time in keeping books, and often in loading lumber. He continued in this employment until the business changed hands in 1858. The financial depression of that period made many changes, and, rather than remain idle, Mr. Gage accepted the position of night-watchman at the same place. At the end of six weeks in this service, in August, 1858, he was offered and accepted the position of book-keeper in the Merchants' Savings, Loan & Trust Company, at an annual salary of \$500. Here he found field for the exercise of his abilities, and his advancement was rapid. On the 1st of January following, he was promoted to the position of paying teller, with the accompanying salary of \$1,200 per year. In September, 1860, he became Assistant Cashier at \$2,000 per annum, and a year later was made Cashier. In August, 1868, he resigned this position to accept a similar one in the First National Bank. On the re-organization of this institution, at the expiration of its charter in 1882, Mr. Gage was elected Vice-President and General Manager, and became President January 24, 1891. Thus are briefly related the steps of his progress, but they were not the result of accident. Back of them were the qualities which inspired the confidence of his fellows, and the ability to make intelligent use of his opportunities.

Mr. Gage was one of the organizers of the American Bankers' Association at Philadelphia, in October, 1876, and was made President of that body in 1882, and twice successfully re-elected, a compliment both to Chicago and the man. He is a member of two social clubs of the city, the Chicago and the Union, an ex-President of the Commercial Club (an organization limited to sixty members), and a Director and Treasurer of the Art Institute. Mr. Gage takes a warm interest in all matters affecting the public welfare, and has been quite active as a member of the Republican organization, because he considers the Republican party the best exponent of his ideas on the conservation of human liberty and general prosperity. While somewhat active in promulgating his principles, he is by no means a narrow partisan, and will not tolerate anything which his judgment or conscience does not approve, because it bears the endorsement of his party. He has been frequently urged to accept a nomination for some public position, as the spontaneous choice of the public urged, but his business interests could not be set aside sufficiently to permit. At the last regular municipal election he could have been almost unanimously elected mayor, had he permitted the use of his name. In spite of the cares of his responsible position, he gave much of his energy to the promotion of the World's Fair enterprise, and was made President of the Board of Directors at its organization in April, 1890. This he resigned on his accession to the bank presidency, nearly a year later, but continued as an active member of the Board. It is no injustice to

his contemporaries to say that the final success of the scheme was in a large measure due to the influence and efforts of Mr. Gage. When the hostility of New York seemed likely to take the location away from Chicago, Mr. Gage was one of four local capitalists to guarantee the completion of the ten-million-dollar guaranty fund required by Congress from Chicago. It was while on his way to attend a banquet in New York in honor of this event, that Mr. Gage was stricken with a serious illness, which it required a dangerous operation to overcome, and the whole nation rejoiced when it was announced that he would recover.

Mr. Gage is a student of rare discrimination, and his public speeches show a cultivated taste in literature, as well as a mind well stored with useful knowledge. He has a happy faculty of imparting information to others, and his occasional addresses on financial, political and other topics are greeted with wide and careful attention. In private life, he is a most companionable gentleman, and gives ear as readily to the request of the humble individual as the large investor. He has been twice married. In 1864 he espoused Miss Sarah Etheridge, daughter of Dr. Francis Etheridge, of Little Falls, N. Y. She died in 1874, and he was married to his present wife, Mrs. Cornelia Gage, of Denver, Colo., in 1887. Their home is on North State Street, near beautiful Lincoln Park, and here Mr. Gage spends most of his evenings, ever gathering something from his well-selected library.

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## ORLAND P. BASSETT.

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**O**RLAND P. BASSETT, of the Pictorial Printing House, of Chicago, and the owner of large greenhouses in Hinsdale, where he makes his home, was born March 31, 1835, in Towanda, Pa. His father, John W. Bassett, was a wheel-

wright of the Keystone State, and in 1872 he came to Illinois, spending his last days in Chicago at the home of his son, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife bore the maiden name



of Angeline Crooker, and passed away several years previous to the death of her husband. Their family numbered nine children, of whom four are yet living: Henry, John, Orland and Chauncy.

Mr. Bassett whose name heads this record was reared in his native State, and remained with his parents until he had attained his majority. The greater part of his education was acquired in a printing-office. In 1854 he began the printing business, which he has followed up to the present time, and step by step he has worked his way upward until now he is President of the Pictorial Printing Company, of Chicago. He owned the entire business until about four years ago, when he sold the controlling interest. It was in March, 1857, that he came to the West and located in Sycamore, Ill., where he published a paper, the *Sycamore True Republican*, for nine years. He then sold out and removed to Chicago, where he carried on a job printing-office until 1874, when he bought out the establishment of the Pictorial Printing Company, as before stated.

On the 5th of April, 1858, Mr. Bassett was united in marriage with Miss Betsey M. Shelton.

One child has been born to them, Kate B., wife of Charles L. Washburn, of Hinsdale. They have one son, Edgar B.

For many years Mr. Bassett was a supporter of the Republican party, but is now independent in his political views. In 1887 he removed to Hinsdale, where he makes his home, but still does business in Chicago. He also has in Hinsdale the largest greenhouses to be found in the West, does an extensive business in this line, and employs a large number of men. When he began business in Sycamore he had no capital and bought his outfit on credit, but he has steadily worked his way upward, and the business of the Chicago Pictorial Printing Company has at times amounted to \$1,000 per day. The company is well known throughout the United States and Canada, and also in parts of Australia and South America, and its success is due in a large measure to the untiring efforts and good management of Mr. Bassett. He is a genial and pleasant gentleman, is very popular, makes friends wherever he goes, and is justly deserving of the high regard in which he is held.

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## JAMES ORRA CLIFFORD.

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JAMES ORRA CLIFFORD was born December 8, 1856, at Salem, Kenosha County, Wis., being the son of Emery and Mary Jane (Osgood) Clifford. He comes of English ancestry, and his forefathers were among the early settlers of the New England States. His paternal grandparents, John and Nancy (Ray) Clifford, were born in New Hampshire. They afterward settled at Collins, Erie County, N. Y. They were the parents of eleven children. Emery, the seventh of these, was born at Collins, Erie County, N. Y., October 21, 1832. In the year 1846 his parents removed from New York and settled near

Salem, Kenosha County, Wis. His maternal grandparents, John Sherman and Jane (Orvis) Osgood, were natives of Brookline, Windham County, Vt. They were the parents of five children. Mary Jane, the eldest, was born at Brookline, Windham County, Vt., November 30, 1838. In the fall of 1851 they removed from Vermont, settling on a farm near Salem, Kenosha County, Wis.

Emery Clifford and Mary Jane Osgood were married at Salem, Kenosha County, Wis., on February 8, 1856. They settled on a farm near Salem, Wis., where their four children were born,



Emery Clifford enlisted in the First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, Company I, and was stationed at Arlington Heights, near Washington, D. C., guarding the United States capital until the close of the civil war, after which he returned and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until the autumn of 1874, when he sold his farm and removed to Delmar, Clinton County, Iowa, where he still resides. Of his four children, James O. is the eldest. Jennie O. resides with her parents. Lurie E. died unmarried in 1882; and Gay Emery, the youngest, is married and resides at Arthur, Ida County, Iowa, where he is the manager of a lumber-yard.

The subject of this sketch entered the public (country) schools at the age of eight years. From the age of eleven he was employed in assisting his father with the farm work during the summer, and attending school in the winter, until the summer of 1873, at which time he left home, going to Delmar, Clinton County, Iowa, where he entered the railway service as a messenger boy and apprentice under his uncle by marriage, William E. Roberts, who was agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company at that station. Here, during the following year until October, he learned telegraphy and the duties of a station agent generally, and has since been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company consecutively, as follows: October, 1874, to August, 1880, at various stations on the Iowa Division as telegraph operator and agent. In August, 1880, while he was stationed at Montour, Iowa, he was appointed to the position of Traveling Auditor. In this capacity he traveled over the entire Northwestern System. On November 7, 1887, he was appointed Freight Auditor of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway; Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley, and Sioux & Pacific Railroads, with office at Chicago, which position he holds at the present time. His long continuance in this position, where a thorough knowledge of the intricacies of railway accounting, systematic supervision, and accuracy in every detail, are essential, attests his executive ability and faithfulness. His management in business affairs is characterized by a progressive spirit, seeking

improved methods and higher efficiency in matters pertaining to his chosen profession. In harmony with this idea he has been a member of the Association of American Railway Accounting Officers since its organization, having always taken an active and influential part in its deliberations, and having been honored by his fellow-members with the office of Vice-President of the Association.

On November 7, 1883, Mr. Clifford married Miss May Elizabeth Dannatt, who was born at Low Moor, Iowa, June 25, 1859, and who is a daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Cortis) Dannatt, natives of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, England, respectively. In 1851 her grandfather, Samuel Dannatt, came from England and purchased five thousand acres of land in Clinton County, Iowa, giving to the location the name of his old home in England, and to his residence the name of Killinghome Hall, after his English estate. They resided at Clinton, Iowa, until October, 1885, at which time they removed to Wheaton, Ill., where they now occupy a pleasant home on Main Street, corner of Franklin. To them have been given five children. Grace Edith was born at Clinton, Iowa, February 1, 1885. The other four were born at Wheaton, DuPage County, Ill.—Lewis Dannatt on April 17, 1886; Olive on June 8, 1887; Marshall Emery on February 26, 1892; and Alice on April 8, 1893. Mr. Clifford has served two terms in the City Council of Wheaton as representative of the ward in which he lives, having declined further honors in that direction.

Mr. Clifford possesses a fine physique, and has the easy, cordial bearing which makes and retains friendships. He is of a social disposition and is prominently identified with numerous fraternal orders, among which may be named the Masonic, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America and National Union. He attends the Episcopal Church, in which Mrs. Clifford is a communicant, and gives his political fealty to the Republican party. Mrs. Clifford is a refined and amiable lady, who presides over their pleasant home with easy grace, and aids her husband in making it a hospitable and attractive abode.

## DR. THEODORE HUBBARD.

**D**R. THEODORE HUBBARD, the first Postmaster of Babcock's Grove, and a prominent citizen of Cook County, was born in Putney, Vt., October 19, 1803, and died in Chicago, February 1, 1873. His parents were Theodore and Dorothy (Wilson) Hubbard. The family is descended from Edmund Hubbard, who was born in Hingham, England, about 1570, and crossed the Atlantic to Charlestown, Mass., in 1633. He died in Hingham, Mass., March 8, 1646. One of his sons, Rev. Peter Hubbard, a dissenting clergyman, founded the oldest church now in existence in the United States, located at Hingham. He died there January 20, 1679, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, and the fifty-second year of his ministry. He was a graduate of Magdalen College, of Cambridge, England. Among Edmund Hubbard's descendants are numbered many eminent judges, ministers and educators, and the present Earl of Buckinghamshire, England, is a descendant of the same family. The Hobarts, or Huberts, of England came from Normandy during the reign of William the Conqueror. The earliest known record of the family locates them near Dieppe, Normandy, in 1198. They were a baronial family in Norfolk, England, where John Hobart resided in 1260. One of his descendants, James Hobart, was made a Knight of the Sword by Henry VII. in 1504. They were created baronets in 1611. Our subject represented the eighth generation in America. The names of his progenitors in direct line were Edmund, Thomas, Caleb, Benjamin, Peter, Sr., Peter, Jr., and Theodore.

Peter Hubbard, Sr., died near Ft. William Henry during the French and Indian War, of wounds received in that service. His son was an Ensign in a New Hampshire company during the Revolutionary War. The father of our subject was born in Keene, N. H., October 25, 1774, and

died in Hartford, Vt., February 15, 1814. His wife died at Babcock's Grove, July 16, 1840, at the age of sixty-seven years.

Doctor Hubbard was the fourth in their family of seven children. He was married November 25, 1828, to Anne Ward Ballou, who was born December 29, 1809, in Deerfield, near Utica, N. Y., and was a daughter of Ebenezer and Marana (Ward) Ballou. The Ward family has an extensive genealogical history, which can be traced back to 1130. The name is derived from "Gar" or "Garde." Ralph de Gar, or de la Warde, flourished in Norfolk, England, at the time of Henry II.

Returning to the personal history of Dr. Hubbard, we note that he settled in Chicago May 21, 1836, and about a year later went to DuPage County, pre-empting a farm near the present village of Glen Ellyn. A few years later he was made the first Postmaster of Babcock's Grove, keeping the office in his house and bringing the mail from Bloomingdale on horseback. In 1851, he returned to Chicago, where he engaged in the practice of medicine until his death. He had previously studied for the ministry, but later entered the medical profession, and as a physician secured a liberal patronage. He also had an extensive knowledge of law, and was a man of more than ordinary intellectual ability, although he had little opportunity for education while a boy. For several years he served as County Commissioner of DuPage County.

Of the children of Doctor and Mrs. Hubbard, Augustus, a civil engineer, died in Amboy, Ill., in April, 1865. Carlos, manager of a wagon factory, died in Chicago at the age of forty years. Oscar died in Groesbeck, Tex., in April, 1877; Adolphus, who was the founder of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1879, is now connected with the California University of San Francisco,



and is a member of many historical societies. Edward Clarence, who was a prominent attorney of Hartford, Ky., died in Chicago, June 27, 1887, at the age of forty-four years. He was a member of the Thirteenth Illinois Infantry during the late war. Enlisting April 21, 1861, he was discharged June 18, 1864, after having participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, siege of Vicksburg, and other engagements. Ellen, who died soon after her graduation from the Chicago High School, and Laura complete the family.

Mr. Hubbard was a life-long Democrat, but all of his sons support the Republican party. In his religious views he was a Universalist. Of the first Masonic lodge of Chicago he was a charter member and was made an honorary member previous

to his death. Prominent in public and business affairs, he was an honored and highly respected citizen, who for many years was connected with the leading interests of Chicago. His skill and ability as a physician won him an enviable reputation, and he was widely known as a man of sterling worth. Mrs. Hubbard is an honorary member of Chicago Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is honorary Vice-President of the Daughters of 1812. She is also a member of the Historic Council, which was established to keep alive the memories of the men who gave liberty and fraternity to the western world. She now resides in Glen Ellyn with her daughter Laura, who is a lady of intelligence and refinement, and a corresponding member of the Chicago Historical Society.

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## PROF. NATHAN DYE.

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**P**ROF. NATHAN DYE. No mention of the musical fabric of Chicago and the West can be considered complete without a notice of Professor Dye, who was endeared to many of the early families of Chicago. A man who attained the ripe old age of eighty-three years, he was beloved by all with whom he came in contact. He was a pioneer in his chosen profession, and taught both vocal and instrumental music in three generations of some families. One of the secrets of his great success lay in his love of the divine art, and his ability to so simplify his methods as to bring them within the grasp of almost infantile minds.

Nathan Dye was born in the town of De Ruyter, Madison County, New York, June 30, 1808, and lived on the homestead farm until he was sixteen years of age. The country schoolhouse was a mile and a-half away, and the boy attended school half of each year from the age of seven to ten years, helping on the farm during the intervals, as was customary with lads of his time.

After this, he had but three months' schooling, although always a student. When he was twelve years of age, he met with an accident which caused a lameness from which he never entirely recovered. He was married, in 1833, to Miss Lucy Maria Kinyon, of Milan, New York, and four years later they removed to Kenosha, Wisconsin, then called Pike Creek, and later Southport.

A few years after coming West, Mr. Dye determined to devote his life wholly to music, which had hitherto employed but a portion of his time and energy. In 1844 he introduced his inductive method of teaching in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by giving a series of concerts there with a class of his Kenosha pupils. He continued to teach in Milwaukee, with pronounced success, until 1848, when he settled permanently in Chicago. His phenomenal power of teaching children to read music at sight attracted wide attention. For years his classes, both adult and juvenile, were a prominent feature of the musical world of Chi-



cago and adjacent cities. A part of his life work which is full of beautiful memories was that connected with those of his pupils whom he assisted in the development of musical powers that must have remained dormant but for this generous and kindly teacher. How many were placed in condition of self-support along the line indicated by nature's gift, only their helper knew. Several of Professor Dye's pupils made brilliant reputations on the lyric stage and in great oratorios. He numbered in his early classes some of Chicago's most prominent citizens. The well-known comic opera singer, Lillian Russell, first started on her musical career under his tutelage. In the spring of 1880 the Professor was tendered a testimonial and complimentary benefit concert at Central Music Hall, which his old friends and pupils made a great success.

In November, 1843, he was bereaved by the death of his wife, which occurred in Kenosha, and a year's illness followed this sad blow. The loss was somewhat compensated by the survival of his three children for many years thereafter.

His only son, Byron E. Dye, died at Paola, Kansas in September, 1883, and his remains were taken to Kansas City for burial. His daughters are Harriet A. and Frances E., of Chicago, the former being the wife of N. Buschwah, and the latter the wife of Gen. C. T. Hotchkiss, who won his title in the Civil War. This sketch is penned in loving memory of Professor Dye by Mrs. Hotchkiss. In 1855 Professor Dye married Miss Cordelia A. Hamlin, daughter of the late Rev. E. H. Hamlin, once pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chicago. Twin sons were born of this union.

After thirty-five years of happy wedded life, they were separated by death only two months, her demise occurring first. He passed away July 30, 1891, at his home, 383 Park Avenue. He had been an invalid about seventeen months, though his final illness was a severe attack of pneumonia, which his great age made resistless. His funeral took place Sunday, August 2, at Central Music Hall, and his remains were interred in the family lot at Kenosha, beside those of his first wife. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Thomas G. Milsted, of the First Unitarian Church of Chicago, assisted by Mrs. Emma J. Bullene, a trance speaker and an old pupil of Professor Dye.

Professor Dye was an advanced thinker in the line of religious conviction, investigating fearlessly and impartially new theories, and listening gladly to the presentation of truth, as seen by Christian or unbeliever. He accepted the tenets of spiritualism, after the most careful and candid research, finding satisfaction in its teachings as given by the scientific writers in that line of thought. He was a great admirer of Rev. Dr. Thomas, in whose discourses he found much food for reflection.

Professor Dye was a descendant of old Revolutionary stock, and imbibed the love of liberty with his earliest breath. It is not strange, therefore, that he was identified with the earliest Abolition movement, and labored unflinchingly for the emancipation of the colored man. Fifteen members of the Dye family served in the Continental army, several of them being officers. Among the number was Gen. Thomas Dye, a personal friend of Washington and La Fayette, who were often entertained at his house in Bergen, New Jersey, during the memorable winter of 1777-78. Daniel Dye, grandfather of the subject of this biography, endured the horrors of that winter at the Valley Forge encampment, his feet being swathed in rags for protection. He often related reminiscences of the privations endured by himself and comrades at that time. At one time a number of British officers visited General Washington under a flag of truce, and such was the destitution prevailing in the camp that the only refreshment he was able to offer them consisted of baked potatoes and salt, which were served on pieces of bark, in lieu of plates. Daniel Dye was born in Kent County, Connecticut, February 10, 1744. He enlisted in Captain Beardsley's company, Seventh Regiment of the Connecticut Line, May 28, 1777, and was under command of Col. Heman Sift. He was discharged from that company February 17, 1778. Prior to entering the regular service, he was a member of Captain Fuller's company of militia, and did duty in the New York campaign of 1776. He was the father

of eight children, the eldest of whom was John P. Dye, born May 9, 1768. About 1791 he moved from Connecticut to western New York. His wife's name was Sally Rhodes, and Nathan was the tenth of their eleven children.

Professor Dye was a member of the old Tippecanoe Club, and ever maintained the principles

upon which that organization was founded. He was always thoroughly posted on current political events and matters of historical interest. Every movement looking toward the moral and physical uplifting of humanity in general received his cordial support and commendation.

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## THOMAS TAGNEY.

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THOMAS TAGNEY, whose death occurred on the seventh day of September, 1894, at 897 Seminary Avenue, was one of the early settlers of Chicago, having first visited this city in 1836, nearly sixty years ago. He was a native of Sheffield, England, born May 15, 1818. His father, Thomas Tagney, was a musician in the British army, as was also one of his brothers. In 1833 the elder Tagney migrated with his family to Canada, where he taught music, in which he was very proficient, for several years. The family afterward returned to England, but the subject of this sketch preferred to remain in this country, and continued for a short time with his uncle in Canada. Young Tagney was of a restless and roaming disposition, and desired to see other parts of the world. He accordingly went into the Southern States, and was engaged on different plantations in Alabama and Louisiana, in the vicinity of New Orleans, for several years. Although only a boy in his teens at the time he went there, he rapidly acquired knowledge that enabled him to direct plantation work, and he became an overseer. In this employment he earned good wages, a large portion of which he managed to save.

Abandoning that life in 1836, he came direct to Chicago, with a small fortune, which he invested in North Side property. Two lots, 143 and 145 Illinois Street, for which he paid \$600, he still

had in his possession at the time of his death, and their value had increased to twenty-five thousand. For several years Mr. Tagney was a steamboat engineer, and sailed all over the Lakes, from Buffalo to Duluth. On retiring from the lake service he settled at Muskegon, Michigan, where he resided five years, and was engaged as engineer in the sawmill there. Returning again to Chicago, he engaged as mechanical engineer in the employ of the Fulton & St. Paul Grain Elevators. He superintended the construction of the former (first known as Munn & Gill's Elevator), both in its original construction and when rebuilt in 1873. He was continuously in the employ of this elevator company for thirty-three years, a testimony to his regular habits, ability and devotion to the interests of his employers.

At the time of the great fire in Chicago, in 1871, Mr. Tagney owned houses and lots on Illinois, Indiana and Wells Streets, which, of course, were consumed by the element which devastated the entire North Side. But he had great confidence in Chicago, and within three months rebuilt the Illinois Street property, selling the other; this property being the first house rebuilt. In the year 1885, having spent the greater part of a long life in active, arduous and useful labors, Mr. Tagney retired from business and moved to Lake View, where he remained until his death. In his later years he bought residence property on

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ALONZO J. CUTLER.

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Fletcher, Baxter, North Halsted Streets and Lincoln Avenue. In 1847 he was married to Miss Alice Steele, daughter of Hugh and Mary Steele. She was born in May, 1828, in Canada, to which country her parents had immigrated from the North of Ireland, and died in Chicago on the 7th of August, 1892, aged sixty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Tagney were the parents of seven children, of whom five grew to maturity. Henry Thomas, the eldest, was an engineer by profession, and succeeded to the place made vacant by his father in the Fulton Elevator. He married Miss Ella Moore, and died in 1893, leaving a widow and three children, Henry T., George and Effie.

The second son, James William, is a sign-painter, and resides on Lincoln Avenue in Chicago. February 27, 1872, he married Miss Kate Casey, a native of County Cork, Ireland, daughter of Dennis and Mary Casey. They have four living children, Thomas, Charles, Harry and Alice Marion. Alice Jane, the third child, was married, in 1873, to William Young, and now has two children. Hugh, the elder, is a salesman, and William, the younger son, is an artist. Mrs. Young conducts a prosperous business on Diversey Street. John E. is an engineer. He married

Ada Weinberg, and has three children, Willie, Charles and Nellie. Charles S., the youngest son of Thomas Tagney, is now engaged in the livery business. He was married, February 18, 1893, to Miss Hilda Anderson, a native of Sweden; they have one child, an infant.

Mr. Tagney was one of those men whose busy, but quiet, lives have been spent in the upbuilding of the great city of Chicago, and in the accumulation of wealth for his posterity. He was a man whose temperate life and intensely domestic characteristics were fit patterns for imitation of those who succeed him. His disposition was quiet and undemonstrative, but his impulses were generous, and he never refused aid to the needy. In politics he was a Democrat, supporting the men whom he deemed best qualified for the offices which they sought, but never asking for place for himself. In his early life he was a member of the Baptist Church, but in his later years he cherished liberal ideas. In his investments he was fortunate, in his domestic life happy, always providing for his wife and children a comfortable and pleasant home. His sterling qualities of head and heart attracted to him many friends, who are left to mourn his departure from their midst.

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## ALONZO J. CUTLER.

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**A**LONZO J. CUTLER is widely known as one of the most daring and successful brokers operating upon the Chicago Board of Trade. His transactions are distinguished by a display of exceptional judgment, discretion and foresight, which causes his movements to be watched and commented upon by the whole field of speculators and investors. It is a notable fact that the men who have made and retained fortunes on the Board of Trade were all of a kind especially endowed with the trading instinct, or

made wise in the school of experience; and Mr. Cutler can justly be classed under both these heads. Every move made by him is carefully calculated and planned, and all his financial arrangements are faithful to well-grounded principles of business.

Mr. Cutler first came to Chicago in the spring of 1869, being then but seventeen years of age. His cash capital at that time consisted of about \$20, but this lack of means was abundantly compensated for by brains, pluck and energy, and he



immediately set about the task of bettering his financial condition. With that end in view, he vigorously applied himself to the first employment which presented itself. This was the position of driver of a wagon for the Singer Sewing-Machine Company. A few weeks' experience in this capacity demonstrated his capability for employment demanding more skill and acumen, and within a few months he was promoted to the position of head salesman of the Chicago agency. It was not long before he was dealing in sewing-machines at wholesale, and in a single year cleared over \$5,000 in this way. Such a practical demonstration of business ability and aptitude for trade could not fail to attract the attention of live business men, and in the spring of 1883 O. H. Roche, the well-known Board of Trade operator, suggested to him that his trading talents would find a more extended field in speculation. Other friends pointed out the dangers and hazards, and advised him to persevere in his previous line of business.

But Mr. Cutler had abundant confidence in his own powers, and, after a brief consideration, resolved to enter the speculative field, as a more congenial and speedy method of gaining a competence. He soon became an active trader in the capacity of broker for Mr. Roche, for whom he has ever entertained the highest respect, and whom he regards as his preceptor in the speculative field.

When Mr. Roche retired from business the following year, Mr. Cutler opened a brokerage office for himself, and his rise has been steady and not less remarkable than that of the renowned Ed Partridge, whom he has actively represented in many great deals. But he has an outside business of his own, and numbers customers by the score, who have the utmost confidence in his judgment, integrity and ability. One of the most active traders on the Board, Mr. Cutler is always in the thick of the crowd when there is any excitement in the wheat pit. He is generally known "on 'change" as "the man behind Partridge," and his natural instinct and adaptability as a trader have made his success no less remarkable than that of the great speculator, in whose service

and under whose tuition his peculiar talents have been developed. That these two men, being similarly endowed by nature, and having knowledge of each other's abilities, should have made a record unparalleled in successful speculative annals is not surprising. Their immense daring and successful operations have become a part of the absorbing and wonderful history of the Chicago Board of Trade. Some of their boldly and cleverly executed plans have evoked the admiration of the commercial world. The appellation of "plunger" is a misnomer when applied to either of this pair, for the reason that their movements, upon analysis and investigation, appear plainly to be the results of the most carefully laid plans and calculations. None of their deals have been reckless, although they have been pronounced so by persons not familiar with the inner details.

Alonzo J. Cutler was born at Montpelier, Vermont, March 24, 1852. He is the youngest in the family of four children born to David W. Cutler and Maria Marshall. The father, who was a farmer and ice dealer at Montpelier, died of typhoid fever during the infancy of the subject of this sketch, who was afterward placed under the guardianship of Elon Hammond, of East Montpelier. Owing to the incompetence and mismanagement of this guardian, young Cutler was removed to the charge of Hon. Clark King, a prominent farmer, in whose home he remained until about sixteen years of age. Most of his education was obtained by attending a country school in winter, and his first money was earned by working as a farm hand at \$7 per month. Before coming West he spent one year as clerk in the Pavilion Hotel in Montpelier, but becoming dissatisfied with the irksomeness of this position, which consumed nineteen hours per day of his time, he resolved to seek a change by moving to the West.

The Cutler family in America is of English descent. The first progenitor of A. J. Cutler in America was John Cutler, Senior, who is supposed to have come from Sprauston, a suburb of Norwich, England. About 1637 he settled at Hingham, Massachusetts, where he soon



afterward died, leaving a widow and seven children. He and his immediate posterity furnish examples of the typical Puritan character. His fifth son, Thomas Cutler, who was a farmer by occupation, died at Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1683. The next in the line of descent herein traced was Jonathan, a tailor by trade, and the generations following him are successively represented by the following names: David, Jonathan, David, and David W., the father of the subject of this notice, who died in 1854, aged thirty-nine years. His mother was Abigail, daughter of Daniel Carroll, of Montpelier, Vermont, and a niece of Charles Carroll, the noted statesman of Carrollton, Maryland.

A. J. Cutler was married, December 26, 1891, to Jessie Estelle, daughter of O. B. Warner, of Peoria, Illinois. This lady is endowed with musical and elocutionary powers of a superior order,

and is the mother of two charming children. They are named, respectively, E. Warner and Fanchon T. Mr. Cutler is essentially a family man, and, when able to leave the haunts of trade, finds his greatest pleasure in the attractions furnished by the home fireside. He is not connected with any religious, social or political organizations of importance, but always votes the Republican ticket. He is well known and respected in Vermont, where he has scores of warm friends, who admire his liberal and genial disposition as well as his gift for making a trade. Mr. Cutler honors his Yankee ancestors by exhibiting the proverbial New England thrift and shrewdness, and is abundantly able to take care of himself. In the course of his transactions it is no rare matter for him to handle checks representing a half-million dollars.

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## WARREN O. TYLER.

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**WARREN OLIVER TYLER.** Among the qualifications which are essential to an honorable and successful business career may be mentioned physical endurance, sound judgment, ready decision, unswerving integrity, patient application, keen foresight and prudent and regular habits. It may be safely asserted that the man of noteworthy accomplishments will possess most, if not all, of these qualities, and while some of them may be acquired or developed by the immediate surroundings and conditions to which the individual has been subjected, many of the most essential elements of his character may be attributed to inheritance.

Hence, in contemplating the personal history of the gentleman whose name heads this notice,

it is well to observe that his ancestors were among the early and substantial colonists of New England, to whose physical vigor, longevity and integrity of character the present generation is indebted for the founding of some of its most cherished institutions. The Tyler family was planted in America by several brothers of that name who came from England in the seventeenth century. One branch of this family settled in Virginia, and among its descendants was John Tyler, ninth President of the United States. Another branch of the family was located in Connecticut, and a third in Vermont, near the Canadian border, where for several successive generations it has furnished some of the most useful and patriotic citizens. One of these was

David Tyler, a man of sterling virtues and noble impulses. He was born at Cambridge, Vermont, and for many years kept hotel at Essex Junction and neighboring places. In 1864, he moved to Chicago, where the balance of his days was spent, his death occurring in 1886, in the ninetieth year of his age. His wife, whose maiden name was Clarissa Butler, died in 1890, in the seventy-fourth year of her age. She was born on a farm between Essex Center and Jericho, Vermont. The Butler family was one of the oldest of that commonwealth, and, like the Tyler family, of English lineage. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler had six children who attained mature years. Edwin T., of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, is the eldest, and the rest, in order, are: Warren O.; Fred C. and Henry W., dealers in paper mill supplies in Chicago; Frank P., connected with the American Paper Company; Mattie A., unmarried, residing in Chicago. Besides these, Mr. David Tyler had a daughter by a previous marriage, Amelia, now the wife of G. T. Woodworth, of Chicago. The members of this family are conspicuous for their domestic harmony and marked fraternal regard—several of their number having avoided all matrimonial or other relations likely to interfere therewith.

Warren O. Tyler was born at Essex Junction, Vermont, March 3, 1844. When he was but seven years of age, the family received a visit from an aunt of the lad, by whom he was easily induced to return with her to Chicago. He was charmed with her glowing descriptions of the growing metropolis of the West and already longed to be a participant in the activity and development which were there going on. Upon his arrival, he became an inmate of the home of his uncle, Mr. O. N. Butler, by whom he was placed at school in the village of St. Charles, Illinois. He subsequently returned to Vermont and spent three years in his father's hotel. He had in the meantime imbibed too much of the spirit of western freedom to be long contented in the narrow limits of Vermont semi-rural life, and at the age of fifteen we again find him in Chicago. At that time he entered the employ of Butler & Hunt, manufacturers of and dealers in paper,

then located at No. 48 State Street. At the end of five years, he was admitted to a partnership in the concern and continued to be identified therewith for a period of twenty-five years, although the name of the firm underwent several changes during that time and the business was subjected to disasters and vicissitudes which would have discouraged less determined men than Mr. Tyler and his associates.

In 1870, the greatest conflagration which had visited Chicago up to that time occurred on Wabash Avenue. The loss of Laffin, Butler & Company by this disaster was \$88,000. In the great fire of the following year, the firm, then known as J. W. Butler & Company, suffered a loss of \$455,000. Only a small percentage of this loss was recovered from the insurance companies. After the Wabash Avenue fire, the firm came near suffering a loss of its books by the premature opening of its safe, and, warned by this experience, in the second instance the safe was placed upon a stoneboat and drawn out upon the prairie and carefully cooled with ice before being opened, and its contents were thus well preserved. Nothing daunted by the catastrophies which had overtaken it, the firm immediately re-engaged in business, which continued prosperously for many years. Under the management of Mr. Tyler, a branch establishment was opened in Milwaukee, known as the Butler Paper Company, afterwards succeeded by the Standard Paper Company.

In 1885, Mr. Tyler retired from connection with this establishment and organized the Tyler Paper Company, of which he became the President. This was in turn succeeded by the Calumet Paper Company, and he disposed of his interest therein a few years before its annihilation by fire, in 1893. He subsequently, in 1889, organized the American Paper Company, of which he is now the presiding executive officer, and which is conducting a successful and growing business. At different times, he has been a stockholder in several paper mills.

Mr. Tyler attends the Episcopal Church, with which his parents were identified. He has been a lifelong adherent of Republican principles, fulfilling his duty as a voter, but never seeking any



public position. He has always been a model of industry, often devoting eighteen hours per day to his business, and has been successful in the face of obstacles which would appal men of less resolution and perseverance. The history of his

life furnishes an additional example of the fact that consistent and well-directed effort is certain of an ultimate reward, a principle too often lost sight of in the modern scramble for pelf.

## WILLIAM H. ALSIP.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY ALSIP, Secretary and Treasurer of the Alsip Brick Company, was born in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, January 23, 1858. He is a son of Frank and Mary Jane Alsip. The former, who is well known as one of the leading contractors and manufacturers of the West, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and began to learn the trade of brick-making at that place at the age of twelve years. He subsequently spent two or three years in California, and in 1857 located in Prairie du Chien. He established extensive brick yards at that place and in McGregor, Iowa, and engaged in contracting and building. His operations extended throughout northern Wisconsin, eastern Iowa and southern Minnesota. The period immediately subsequent to the great Chicago fire offered an immense demand for building material in this city, and Mr. Alsip was one of the first to respond to the demand. He removed his entire plant to the vicinity of Chicago, where he has ever since had his headquarters. He has become identified with several large brick manufacturing concerns, and is recognized as one of the leading brick makers of the world. The product of the Alsip brick yards has been used in the construction of many of the principal buildings of Chicago, including the Masonic Temple, Great Northern Hotel and the Grand Central Station.

The subject of this sketch spent most of his

boyhood in McGregor, Iowa, where the foundation of his education was laid in the public schools. He afterward attended the Chicago High School, and in 1880 he graduated from the University of Chicago, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Two years later he graduated from the Union College of Law, and was admitted to the Bar.

He began his business career as foreman of the Hayt & Alsip brick yards, at Thirty-ninth and Robey Streets, filling that position for three years. In 1885, in company with his father, he built the Lincoln Street brick yards, and when the Alsip Brick Company was incorporated—two years later—he became its Secretary and Treasurer, which position he still occupies, having almost exclusive charge of the office work. The company, which is composed of Frank Alsip, William H. Alsip and Frank B. Alsip, now operates four extensive brick yards and furnishes employment to about five hundred men. The business has been constantly increasing, and is recognized as one of the largest in that line. The output ranges from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five millions per day.

Mr. Alsip was married on the 30th of September, 1887, to Marcella Cusak, daughter of Mrs. Joan Cusak, of Chicago. Mrs. Alsip was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and has presented her husband with two children—William Henry and Virginia. Mr. Alsip is a member of the Lincoln Street Methodist Church, and is identified with



the Illinois and Union League Clubs. He also holds membership with the Royal League and Royal Arcanum. For six years past he has been a member of the National Brick Makers' Association, and is now its President. He takes an active interest in political affairs, and is a member of the Republican Committee of the Eleventh

Ward. He positively and consistently declines the use of his name as a candidate for office, though he has been repeatedly requested to become a candidate for Alderman from his ward. He is a man of recognized business ability and unquestioned integrity, and is filling a responsible and useful position in the community.

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## JOHN MORRIS.

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JOHN MORRIS, assistant superintendent of the Plano Manufacturing Company at West Pullman, was born near Blue Mounds, Iowa County, Wisconsin, on the 12th of April, 1858, and is of Welsh descent. His parents, Rev. Owen R. and Catherine (Jones) Morris, were both natives of Wales. The father was born in Blaenan, Festiniog, Merionethshire, July 18, 1828, and came to America in 1849 from Merionethshire, North Wales, with his parents, Robert and Ellen Morris, the family locating on a farm in Iowa County, Wisconsin. On October 17, 1851, he married Mrs. Catherine Williams, widow of I. N. Williams, and lived in Iowa County until March, 1868, when, with his wife and children, he removed to Fillmore County, Minnesota, where he now resides. For a number of years he was pastor of the Welsh Presbyterian Church at Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, and for twenty-four years had charge of the Welsh Presbyterian Church at Bristol Grove, Minnesota. He is an earnest and untiring worker in behalf of the church, and his work has been productive of much good. All who know him hold him in high regard. Mrs. Morris was born in Llanrug, Carnarvonshire, North Wales, February 25, 1816, and came to America in 1845. She first married I. N. Williams, by whom she had one son, I. N., now a resident of Fillmore County, Minnesota. After the death of her first husband she returned to Wales, in 1848,

but in 1849 again came to America, with her father, Thomas Jones, who died in Iowa County, Wisconsin, a few years later.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris had a family of four sons, three of whom are yet living. William and Thomas both reside in Fillmore County; Evan is now deceased; and John completes the family.

Mr. Morris of this sketch spent his boyhood days upon his father's farm and was early inured to arduous labor. He followed farming through the summer months and in the winter season attended the public schools, until eighteen years of age, when he began teaching. He had early evinced a taste and aptitude for carpentry and machine work, and that instinct has been constantly developing since; but it was some time before he entered upon that line of work as a business. After teaching for five seasons, he became a student of the University of Minnesota, and was graduated therefrom in 1888, with the degree of Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering. During his four years' attendance he had received some of the highest markings ever given in that department. In 1888 he became connected with the city schools of Minneapolis, and continued to there serve until 1893, being for three years an instructor in the Manual Training Department, while for two years he was assistant superintendent and had entire charge of the Manual Training Department. His services were eminently satis-

factory, and the work of the department prepared under his direction for the World's Fair exhibit was deservedly worthy of the high commendation it received. During this period he also engaged in consulting work and mechanical engineering, and developed new devices and secured a number of patents for patrons.

Prof. Morris was married on October 8, 1889, in Cambria, Wisconsin, to Miss Lizzie Williams, daughter of Robert G. Williams. The lady was born in Cambria, and died in Minneapolis on the 27th of February, 1892, at the age of thirty-three years, leaving one child, a daughter, Lizzie.

In June, 1893, Prof. Morris severed his connection with the Minneapolis public schools and accepted the position of assistant superintendent and mechanical engineer of the Plano Manufacturing Company at West Pullman. He had previously spent a number of vacations as an expert and traveling representative of the firm. His man-

agement of the affairs of the factory has given entire satisfaction to his employers and won him high commendation. His natural inventive genius is constantly active, and new mechanical devices are being continually developed under his direction. Mr. Morris has invested in West Pullman real estate, with the view of making this place his home.

Mr. Morris is a member of the Welsh Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis, and for six years served on its board of deacons, taking an active part in the work of the church and everything pertaining to its advancement. In politics he has been a life-long Republican, and its men and measures receive his earnest support. He is a warm advocate of temperance principles, is of cordial and pleasant manner, and takes a deep and abiding interest in public advancement and progress.

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## HENRY ABRAHAMS.

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**H**ENRY ABRAHAMS, one of the self-made men of Chicago, was born September 28, 1837, at Kornmarck, near Posen, Prussia, and was one of the seventeen children of Louis Lipman and Rosa (Moses) Abrahams. His career furnishes a forcible illustration of what may be achieved through force of natural ability, energy, perseverance, industry and integrity. Born in penury and reared in poverty, with no advantages and every obstacle, outside of his own personality, to overcome, he won his way to affluence and an influential position among the representative citizens of Chicago. Louis L. Abrahams was a tailor, who supported his large family by the earnings of his needle. Hoping to better his condition, he went to Newcastle, England, in

1840, and remained there until 1849, when he came to Chicago, where his widow still resides, at the age of eighty-five years.

Henry Abrahams showed his force of character and instinct for trade by starting out in life as a peddler in Chicago, at the age of twelve years, and was eminently successful. He continued in this occupation for twelve years, at the end of which period he felt able to take a wife and settle down in business. He accordingly married Elizabeth Gerber, a daughter of Joseph and Julia (Levy) Gerber. Joseph Gerber was a dry-goods merchant in Hoston, near Prague, Austria. Mr. Abrahams established himself as a retail grocer at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Adams Street, on the site now occupied by the Phelps, Dodge &



Palmer Company, where he remained until his buildings and entire stock, valued at \$55,000, were swept away by the great fire of 1871. At this time he was the owner of the southeast quarter of the block upon which he did business, besides nine houses on Adams and Quincy Streets and Fifth Avenue. It is said that he was before the fire the leading retail grocer of the city. As was the case with many others, his loss by the fire was nearly total, on account of the failure of the insurance companies.

Subsequent to the fire, Mr. Abrahams disposed of all his South Side property and bought lots on the corner of Van Buren and Halsted Streets, covering all of the block fronting on Van Buren Street, except two lots, which he owned at the time of his death. At the same time he purchased eight acres at Fifty-fifth Street and Garfield Boulevard. For the latter property he paid \$8,000 in 1872, and sold the same in 1891 for \$60,000. He continued business on the West Side until his retirement from commercial relations in 1880. He subsequently engaged in the real-estate and loan business, giving his attention largely to his own investments. It was always a gratification to him to reflect that he had never filled a subordinate position, being always the proprietor of the business in which he was engaged.

The success of this remarkable man is especially noteworthy from the fact that until his second marriage, in 1867, he had not learned to read or write. He never kept any books, and was able to refer with as much reliance to his memory for the details of every transaction as the ordinary merchant does to his books. The date of a note, its maturity and the interest accrued could always be told by him at a moment's notice. His memory with regard to other matters was equally retentive. He attributed this remarkable faculty to constant reliance upon his memory, unassisted by the usual accessories.

In 1866 Mr. Abrahams was bereaved of his wife by cholera, and her body was the first one buried in Graceland Cemetery. She left three children: Abraham Abrahams, late Health Inspector of the Fourth Ward; Moses, a furniture dealer in Clinton, Iowa; and Albert, who died at

seven years of age. In 1867 Mr. Abrahams married Eleanor, sister of his first wife, who survives him and is the mother of the following children: Max, a plumber, and Fanny, the wife of Isadore Weiskopf, of Chicago; Bessie, the wife of Albert Richmond, of Philadelphia, formerly proprietor of the Standard Theatre of Chicago, and now sole wholesale agent for the Schlitz Brewing Company at Philadelphia, where his wife operates one of the largest photograph galleries; Joseph, a graduate of the public schools of the West Side Business College, now manager of his father's estate; and George and Louis, at present students at Notre Dame University, Indiana. Elizabeth, the second, died at eighteen years of age; Albert, the sixth, at thirteen; and Sarah, the seventh, in childhood. Mrs. Abrahams' grandchildren are: Leo Weiskopf and Leroy and Wilfred Richmond.

Mr. Abrahams' death occurred on the eleventh day of April, 1894, at his home at No. 3355 Forest Avenue, which he purchased and occupied in 1891. He was a man of fine appearance and pleasant address, and his friendship was of that warm and earnest character which attracted and held men to him. He was generous, and many remember with pleasure the time when he was to them a friend in need. His eminent geniality and social qualities brought him so closely in contact with his fellow-men that he naturally became a member of many societies, among which may be mentioned the Masonic and Odd Fellows' orders, B'nai B'rith, Hebrew Beneficiary Association, Sons of Benjamin, Old Settlers' Society of Chicago, and others. He was prominent and influential in politics, a member of the Democratic party, and a man whose counsel had great weight with his associates in party affairs. He always refused nominations for office, which were frequently urged upon him, preferring to be a worker for the interests of the party to which he gave his allegiance rather than receive the emoluments of office. He was not only a genial and popular citizen, but was the kindest and most indulgent of fathers and husbands, and was the idol of his family.



## GRANVILLE S. INGRAHAM.

GRANVILLE SHERWOOD INGRAHAM, youngest of a family of nine, was born May 27, 1824, in Montgomery County, New York. His father, born April 23, 1782, was a tanner and currier, who came from England to the State of Rhode Island in his boyhood, removing subsequently to the State of New York, where he became a very prominent Free Mason and was universally esteemed, dying at the age of seventy-three. He was one of the claimants of the celebrated "Leeds Estate" in England. His mother, Philinda Taylor by maiden name, was born May 1, 1784, at Hartford, Connecticut, living to the remarkable age of ninety-two.

Owing to the disability of total blindness which afflicted his father for the last twenty-five years of his life, the subject of this sketch, after an ordinary education obtained at the Union Mills Academy, was obliged to leave home at the boyish age of twelve to seek his own fortunes, and well indeed did he find them. His first employment was in a merchant's store in New York City; afterward, returning to Saratoga County, was engaged in similar pursuits for a period.

At this juncture the turning point of his business life was presented. James McKindley, the veteran pioneer wholesaler of our metropolis, had spent many happy boyhood days in companionship with Mr. Ingraham; and now, being at the head of the mercantile house, McKindley, Church & Co., thoughtful for and kindly disposed toward this early associate, offered Mr. Ingraham, in 1856, a position with his house as traveling salesman. Losing no time in reaching his new field of employment, destined always to be his home, so well did he foresee the requirements of his own and higher positions, at the same time bending every energy toward fulfilling more duties than those imposed upon him, that in an incredibly short time, namely in 1860, he was elevated to the standing of a full partner in the firm, thereafter to be styled McKindley, Ingraham & Co.

The next seven years witnessed severest application and unremitting efforts upon his part, gaining him unstinted meed of praise from all with whom he had to do, wonderfully fructifying the interests of his concern, but carried to the excess of personal disability, so that at the end of the period of which we are speaking, quite debilitated and "run down" in health, he was compelled to leave his office and seek the means of regaining strength for the following two years. The firm, in which he still retained his interests, was burned out by the great fire of 1871, but being well insured, it declined offers of financial aid as well as volunteered extension of time on bills payable falling due. With marvelous recuperation, being actually engaged in trade within a week after the burning, and by good fortune, it was enabled to meet all obligations as rapidly as they matured.

About this time was organized the wholesale grocery and tea house of Ingraham, Corbin & May (now Corbin and May), with which he was thenceforth prominently identified in its very successful upbuilding, until, in 1884, overtaxation of mental and physical powers rendered retirement again necessary, this time forced to become practically final. But his fortune continued to be thus mainly embarked with his firm, and during the semi-invalid existence of his slow decline, he always enjoyed thinking and speaking of trade, and dreaming the optimist's dream of the golden days bound to come to the trade when the entire Northwest was better developed in its vast resources.

The last years were made comfortable by a portion of the means his industrious ability had accumulated, the summers being mainly spent in Chicago, while in winter he sought a less rigorous climate; now in California, now in Florida, until finding in Pass Christian, Mississippi, surroundings thoroughly congenial and beneficial, he there bought a home in 1888, that he might regularly

surrendered himself to the delights of the semi-tropic Gulf Coast. Alas for the brevity of life! Love may not entice away, nor fortune bribe against the visitation of grim, universally fated death. The end came on December 20, 1892, to a patient, long sufferer, resigned to the will of God.

In boyhood he had followed family affiliations with the Christian Church, that being a liberal and righteous faith; but in maturer years he was attracted by the stanch tenets and rugged character of Presbyterianism, and so had been for many years united with the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, in which, wholly obedient, he passed to a reward of good merits.

In Whig days he was a willing follower of Henry Clay, but on the breaking up of old lines and the drawing of new ones, he took and held a liberal Democratic attitude, in local affairs supporting the best man, irrespective of party. He was always deeply interested in parks and other public improvements, and all educational works had his generous approbation and furtherance. Being most happily environed, and strongly domestic in temperament, he cared not for "club life" or society, so called; yet he was not a recluse, neither, as his friends well knew, was he at all unsociable.

His first home in Chicago was purchased at the corner of Prairie Avenue and Eighteenth Street; removing, in 1872, to Washington Avenue, just south of Fifty-fifth Street, he was engaged in the construction of an elegant mansion in the immediate neighborhood (No. 5520 Washington Avenue), when he was taken away. She who is left to execute his wishes may long find a noble employment in the finishing of his appointed work.

The humanitarian shows out nowhere more plainly than in his will. Years of affliction had taught him the needs of the sick, while abundant means enabled him to intelligently contrast the wretched condition of the indigent ill. Therefore, in his last testament, after liberal provisions for his family and near relatives (not overlooking generous legacies to several charitable institutions), he directed that the residue of his estate

should be invested and spent in the founding, building, usefully equipping and maintaining of a hospital for the poor sick, to be conducted on as free a plan as possible. Would that all our wealth accumulators, circumstanced like unto himself, could be prompted by as philanthropic motives! Then would riches become a general blessing in disguise, and the abyss between the financially high and low forever kindly bridged. Realizing that he had few dependents, and that he was largely indebted to the city of his adoption for his opulence, he, in this dignified, munificent, lasting manner of endowing a glorious charity, conceived that that debt should and would be paid; and though for a time there be a contest over the will, while something of doubt exists as to the ultimate fate of the quarter of a million of dollars thus bequeathed by Mr. Ingraham to the founding of a hospital, which was to bear his name, let us trust the law will vindicate itself and our testator friend's wishes, and that his widow, unswervingly devoted to the administration of his estate, may be speedily confirmed in her legal rights as his representative, and so enabled to proceed under the will-terms toward the completion of the conceived edifice; and generations to come will thank the justice of the decree while blessing the memory of him, their patron and benefactor.

Mr. Ingraham was twice married; (1.) July 14, 1847, to Miss Frances Sarah Foster, of Saratoga County, New York, who died January 1, 1878, having had as issue a son, Hiram Foster Ingraham, who died February 10, 1874, leaving a widow, Fannie Ingraham (*nee* Wood), and a son, Granville Foster Ingraham, which latter were cared for by the subject of this sketch while living, and abundantly provided for in his last will.

(2.) December 6, 1881, to Miss Harriette Augusta Foster (sister of his former wife, a daughter of Hiram Clark Foster), who had no children, but who was and is the soul of faithfulness toward him and his house, and appointed as one of the executors of his will.

(For some details of the Foster pedigree, *vide* under sketch of James Mairs Gilchrist, on another page herein.)

Mrs. Ingraham's mother was Elizabeth Platt,



of a family of honorable standing and mention in Eastern centers. Elizabeth was the fifth child and daughter of Alexander Smith and Annie Platt (*nee* Wakeman, of Greenfield, Connecticut) and Galway, New York; Alexander being the fourth son of Obadiah and Thankful Platt (*nee* Scudder, of Huntington, Connecticut), and North Fairfield, Connecticut; Obadiah being the fourth son of Obadiah and Mary Platt, *nee* Smith, who removed from Huntington across Long Island Sound (with his brother Timothy), founding the Fairfield branch of the family; Obadiah was the eldest son of Jonas and Sarah Platt (*nee* Scudder), of the "Older Huntington" (Connecticut) branch. Jonas was the second child and eldest son of Isaac and Elizabeth Platt (*nee* Wood) who (with his brother Epenetus) founded the "Older Huntington" branch. Isaac was

probably born in England, being the third son of Richard and Mary Platt, who came to this country from England in 1638, landing at New Haven, Connecticut, where he afterward acquired valuable landed possessions. The old family seat, however, is at Milford, a few miles thence west, where the first American progenitor is buried, and where have ever since dwelt the honored descendants.

The English seat of the emigrating branch is believed to be Bovington, a village near Hertford, England. The Herald's College shows some seven coats-of-arms assigned and granted to different English families by the name of Platt.

From the foregoing it will be seen that Mrs. Ingraham, through her mother, represents the eighth generation of Platts in the United States.

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## NICHOLAS BUSCHWAH.

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NICHOLAS BUSCHWAH is, doubtless, the best informed man living in regard to titles to Cook County realty. His long experience of over thirty years in the preparation and examination of abstracts, together with his reliability and unquestioned integrity of character, has earned the confidence and respect of all political parties, and of investors and business men generally. He was born amid the romantic scenery bordering the River Rhine, the place of his birth being the village of Wahlen, Rhenish Prussia, and the date of his advent being the 19th of October, 1842. His parents, Nicholas and Marie (Dewald) Buschwah, were natives of Germany, of French extraction. The father was a carpenter and builder by occupation. In 1844 he sold his beautiful home and grounds in the land of his birth and emigrated with his family, which then included four children, to the United States, in or-

der to secure to them the blessings of political and religious liberty. He located in Chicago, where he followed his trade until death, January 24, 1864. His wife survived him several years, dying at the age of seventy years. They embodied the regular habits and sturdy character for which our German citizens are conspicuous, and left to their posterity sacred memories and a good name. Seven of their children survive and are residents of Chicago. Margaret, the eldest, is now Mrs. John Woltz; Catherine is the widow of Caspar Koerper; and the others are Matthew, Nicholas, John, Peter and Jacob. One died in childhood, and Mary, who was the wife of Michael Schwiser, passed away May 4, 1877.

The subject of this notice received his primary education at the Kinzie School, then the only public school in North Chicago, and known as Alden G. Wilder's School. He afterward became



a student at the Franklin School, Daniel C. Ferguson Principal, and completed the course of study at the age of fifteen years, the Chicago High School not being built at that time. He then entered the real-estate office of James H. Rees, to learn the real-estate business, and subsequently he entered the office of Rees, Chase & Company, abstract makers, with whom he began his clerical career, serving their interests for eight years, during which time the style changed to Chase Brothers. He became very proficient in the preparation of abstracts, and after the termination of his engagement with this house he served one year as money-delivery clerk in the office of the American Express Company. This was a responsible and arduous position, and he often handled a million dollars in a single day. He was next employed by Fernando Jones & Company, the well-known abstract makers, whose office was then located at No. 42 Clark Street. He remained with this firm four years, filling the place of chief abstract maker, after which he was employed in the office of the City Comptroller up to the time of the great fire of October 8 and 9, 1871. During the period immediately subsequent to that catastrophe he assisted the Chicago Relief and Aid Society as chief clerk and paymaster of the Third Division of the city. For two and one-half years thereafter he was an assistant in the office of the City Clerk. At this time the firm of Williams & Thielcke sought his services in the conduct of their abstract office, and when, in September, 1885, their books became the property of Cook County, he continued with the work, remaining in the employ of the county over seventeen years—making the first abstract turned out by the county—and was chief abstract maker in the department of abstracts in the Recorder's office throughout this period. During his long experience in the examination and production of abstracts, he has become familiar with all the details and technicalities of the business, and has prepared more instruments of the kind than any other individual.

In April, 1893, he resigned his position in the Recorder's office, since which time he has conducted an independent business as examiner of

titles, in connection with which he does a general loan, real-estate and investment business. The extensive acquaintance which he has formed during his connection with this line of work brings to him an ample and lucrative patronage, and many large investors find it to their advantage to entrust to him the conduct of their financial transactions. For many years past he has conducted a loan and real-estate agency in connection with his other undertakings, and has displayed such judgment and discretion in placing funds entrusted to his care that he has never found it necessary to foreclose a mortgage or trust deed. His integrity, justice and fairness are recognized alike by creditors and debtors, and every man who forms his acquaintance through a business transaction becomes a permanent friend. By his shrewd management many a poor and delinquent debtor has been saved from total loss, while the interests of the creditor have been at the same time fully protected.

On New Year's Day of 1868 occurred the marriage of Mr. Nicholas Buschwah to Miss Harriet A. Dye, daughter of Prof. Nathan Dye, whose life history appears on another page of this work. She was born at Truxton, Cortland County, New York, and at an early age began to develop a talent and taste for music, taking her first lesson from her father at the age of three years. At fourteen she became a teacher of music, and for many years previous to her marriage gave instruction in both vocal and instrumental work, often assisting her father in the conduct of his classes and concerts. Ida A., the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Buschwah, is a graduate of the Chicago Conservatory of Music, and a teacher of recognized ability in musical circles. She is the wife of Leroy Grant, with whom she resides at Laramie City, Wyoming.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Buschwah were members of Unity Church of Chicago, the society established by Rev. Robert Collyer, who conducted the ceremony at their wedding and the wedding of their daughter, Ida A. They are among the original members of the Independent Liberal Church, organized by Rev. T. G. Milsted in October, 1894. It is a society founded upon prin-

ciples of benevolence and Christian brotherhood. Mrs. Buschwah is one of the trustees of the society, and both she and her husband are enthusiastic and active in good works. She is a member of Chicago Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Buschwah is a member of the Exec-

utive Board of the Twenty-first Ward Republican Club, and has been a life-long supporter of the principles of that party, and numbers among his friends many of the leading citizens of Cook County, irrespective of political or other connections.

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## GEORGE DEARLOVE.

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GEORGE DEARLOVE, a prominent pioneer of Northfield Township, now living in Chicago, was born in Harrowgate, Yorkshire, England, in May, 1824. He is the only surviving child of Richard and Hannah (Matterson) Dearlove, who in 1836, with their family, came to America, settling in Northfield Township, Cook County, where they became the owners of an extensive tract of land on Milwaukee Avenue. This tract, which is still retained in the family, includes several of the finest and most productive farms in Cook County, well supplied with first-class improvements.

The children of Richard and Hannah Dearlove were Mary, William, Peter, Richard, Thomas, George and Hannah, all of whom became leading citizens of Northfield Township, but, as stated above, are now deceased, with the exception of George. The latter became the owner of several fine farms in Northfield Township, but in 1885 removed to Chicago, where he has since dealt in real estate, his long acquaintance with the county giving him an intimate knowledge of land values which has helped him materially in his business.

Mr. Dearlove was married in 1872—Miss Mary A. Dwyer, daughter of Peter and Maria Dwyer, of Newport, Herkimer County, New York, becoming his wife. Mrs. Dearlove, who is a lady of refinement and ability, acquired her primary

education in the public schools of Herkimer County, and later attended a select school at Newport for one year. She then took a three-years course at Fairfield Seminary, and still later attended the State Normal School at Albany, New York, but did not finish the course on account of sickness. From the age of seventeen years she was engaged at intervals in teaching. She came to Cook County in the year 1867, and taught for several years after her arrival, she and her sister being the first teachers of the Normal System in Cook County.

March 5, 1888, Mrs. Dearlove graduated from Bennett Eclectic College of Medicine and Surgery, with the degree of M. D., and afterwards graduated from the Chicago College of Ophthalmia and Aural Surgery. Since her graduation she has practiced her profession with marked success, and has won the confidence of the public and of her associates to a most flattering degree. Dr. Dearlove holds membership in the Chicago Eclectic Society, and in the State Eclectic Medical Society, and during the progress of the World's Columbian Exposition was in charge of the Illinois Woman's Hospital at the Exposition grounds.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dearlove were born the following children: George M., whose biography appears elsewhere in these pages; Thomas, a student at the North-Western Military Academy;



and Mabel H. In his religious adherence Mr. Dearlove is a member of the Church of England, and in his political leanings he is a Republican, though not a strict partisan, and never an as-

pirant for public honors. He is a successful farmer and business man, and he and his family enjoy the esteem of a large circle of acquaintances.

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## JOHN CRAWFORD.

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JOHN CRAWFORD, deceased, was for years connected with the business and official interests of Cook County, and was a prominent and representative citizen. He was born in Buffalo, New York, October 14, 1832, and died in Chicago on the 1st of February, 1894. His father, Peter Crawford, is mentioned elsewhere in this work. John spent the first twelve years of his life in the Empire State and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Chicago. Here he became his father's assistant in the lumber trade, and was thus employed until nineteen years of age, when he entered Knox College, at Galesburg, Illinois, where he pursued a preparatory course of study. Later he entered Hamilton University (now Colgate University) of Hamilton, New York, and when his literary education was completed he taught in Cicero Township, Cook County, for several years.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Crawford began reading law in the office of Judge Buckner S. Morris, of Chicago. He did not complete his legal studies, but yet obtained a knowledge of law which proved of great benefit to him in his subsequent business and official transactions. For many years he dealt largely in real estate, handling not only his own subdivisions at Crawford Station, but also much other property. He served for several terms as Supervisor of Cicero Town-

ship, also as Trustee and Assessor, and in numerous other local offices. He was County Commissioner for two terms, being a member of the Board at the same time with Carter H. Harrison, about the beginning of the latter's political career. They were elected on the "Fire Ticket," as it was called, the election being held soon after the great fire of 1871.

On the 22d of August, 1861, Mr. Crawford was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide F. Neff, daughter of William and Olive Neff, of Chicago, and a native of Buffalo, New York. When a little maiden of six summers she came with her parents to this State. Her father died in March, 1887, but her mother is still living in Chicago. To Mr. and Mrs. Crawford were born three children: John H., a real-estate dealer of Chicago; Florence, who is now deceased; and Genevieve.

Mr. Crawford was a member of the Millard Avenue Baptist Church, and the family still attends that church. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity, and in his political affiliations was a Republican. He was a man of earnest convictions and conscientious motives, and by straightforward dealing and uniform courtesy he won the good-will of all with whom he came in contact. Probably no man in Cook County had fewer enemies.



## CHARLES P. BRYAN.

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CHARLES P. BRYAN was born in Chicago, October 2, 1855. His childhood was spent at Elmhurst, where his parents took up their residence in 1856. Young Bryan completed his education at the University of Virginia and the Columbia Law School. He was admitted to the Bar in Washington, D. C., in 1878. The following year he removed to Colorado, where he engaged in mining and in editorial and literary work. He edited the Denver *Inter Ocean* and the *Colorado Mining Gazette*, which he owned, and was elected President of the Colorado Editorial Association in 1884. A year after his arrival in the Rocky Mountains he was chosen to represent Clear Creek County in the Legislature, of which he was the youngest member. He was Chairman of the Railroad Committee. As champion of the people against monopolies, he was called the "Plumed Knight of the Rockies." He had a voice in every Republican State convention during his sojourn in Colorado, and stumped the State for Blaine. Twice he was urged by the slate-makers, but declined to allow his name to be presented to the Republican State Convention as a candidate for Secretary of State. The probable nomination for Lieutenant-Governor was also offered him as an inducement to remain in Colorado. Filial duty, however, called him back to Illinois in 1885.

In 1890, Col. Bryan was, unsolicited, nominated for the Legislature and elected. In 1892 he was re-elected to represent DuPage County. His chief efforts in the Legislature have been directed toward ballot reform, World's Fair and National Guard measures, and those locally of interest to

his constituents. As a boy, he entered the First Regiment of Illinois National Guards, and has nearly ever since served in the State troops of Illinois or Colorado, having been commissioned Aide-de-Camp by four Governors. Col. Bryan is now on the general staff of the Illinois National Guard. His occupation is that of contributor to newspapers and magazines, his line of work being editorial, historical and descriptive.

The paternal and maternal families of the subject of this sketch, the Bryans and the Pages, settled in Virginia about 1660. They intermarried with the Lees, the Carters, Barbours, Crawfords and Penns. Daniel Bryan, the grandfather of Charles, made speeches in the Senate of Virginia as far back as the '30s advocating the abolition of slavery. On account of his pronounced Union views he endangered his life at Alexandria at the beginning of the late war. His son, Thomas B. Bryan, came to Illinois in 1852. As a member of the Union Defense Committee, as president of the Soldiers' Home and Sanitary Fair, and in aiding to equip regiments for the war, he constantly showed his loyalty to the Union. Company H of the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry, composed of the flower of the youth of DuPage County, was called the "Bryan Blues" in honor of the liberality of Thomas B. Bryan. As champion of Chicago for the site of the World's Fair in speeches made in Washington and other cities, as Vice-President of the Columbian Exposition, and as Commissioner-at-Large to Europe, Mr. Bryan has won international fame. His son has seconded him in all these efforts. Famous men from all over the world have been entertained at the

"Bird's Nest," the Bryans' home. Edward Everett, President and Mrs. Harrison, the Logans, Blaines, Cardinal Gibbons, princes, nobility and ministers and commissioners from nearly every

land have been guests at this beautiful home, whose hospitalities have helped to give renown to Elmhurst and to DuPage County.

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## AZEL FARNSWORTH HATCH.

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**A**ZEL FARNSWORTH HATCH, a prominent and well-known attorney-at-law of Chicago, living in Lisle, was born on the 6th of September, 1848, in Lisle Township, DuPage County, and was the fifth in a family of six children born to James C. and Charlotte (Kidder) Hatch. He remained upon the home farm until sixteen years of age, and attended the public schools of the neighborhood, there acquiring his primary education. In 1867 he entered Oberlin College, of Oberlin, Ohio, where he continued his studies until 1870, when he became a student of the senior class in Yale University. In 1871 he was graduated from that institution, after which he accepted the principalship of the High School of Sheboygan, Wis., where he continued for a year.

Mr. Hatch arrived in Chicago in 1872, and began the study of law in the office of Shorey & Norton, attorneys, with whom he continued for about two years, when, in September, 1874, he was admitted to the Bar. In December following he entered upon the practice of his profession, and during the first year was associated with Messrs. Norton and Hulburt, under the style of Norton, Hulburt & Hatch. In 1880 he formed a partnership with O. F. Aldis, and under the firm name of Hatch & Aldis these gentlemen continued business for several years, when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Hatch is now alone in business. He has been very successful in his legal practice and has won an enviable reputation therein.

On the 5th of February, 1880, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Grace H. Greene, of Lisle, daughter of Daniel Greene, of DuPage County. By their union were born four daughters: Alice V., Helen, Laura and Grace P. All are still with their father. The mother's death occurred in Chicago, on the 18th of April, 1886.

Mr. Hatch is a Republican in political sentiment, but is not strongly partisan, and has never been an office-seeker, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his legal practice and other business interests. He is connected with various important concerns of the city. He is one of the Directors and owners of the Chicago *Herald* and the Chicago *Evening Post*, and is also one of the exchequer committee of the Equitable Trust Company of Chicago. He is a Director of the United Press, and is also connected with several other enterprises. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Library for three years. He had charge of the organization of the committees of the World's Fair and of the first meeting of the stockholders. This was one of the most wonderful corporations ever formed, as there were at that time over twenty-eight thousand stockholders. He took an active part in promoting the interests of the World's Columbian Exposition, and did all in his power toward making the Fair a success. He is a well-known and leading citizen and a worthy representative of the enterprise and progressive spirit which have made Chicago the second city of the Union.

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## PHILIP DANFORTH ARMOUR.

PHILIP DANFORTH ARMOUR, who is known throughout the world through his extensive business interests, is also widely known for his efforts in behalf of his fellow-men. While his financial gains have been great, he has not neglected opportunities for devoting a fair proportion to benevolent and educational work. Through his generosity and fostering care, the Armour Mission, originally established in 1881 by a bequest of \$100,000 from his brother, Joseph F. Armour, has grown to cover a very wide extent of educational and philanthropic work, being permanently endowed and supplied with adequate buildings and apparatus and a large corps of instructors. This institution is recognized as a powerful factor in the city's literary development, and one of Mr. Armour's benevolent works is thus made too prominent to be hidden. Of his many private and quiet acts of charity the world will know but little.

Philip D. Armour was born in Stockbridge, Madison County, N. Y., on the 16th of May, 1832, being one of a family of six sons and two daughters given to Danforth Armour and Juliana (Brooks) Armour, his wife. The parents left Union, Conn., in September, 1825, and settled at the above-named place, where they engaged in farming. The paternal ancestors were of Scotch-Irish lineage, and were early established in this country. The maternal progenitors were, no doubt, of English blood, though they must have early renounced allegiance to the mother country, as we find them honorably mentioned for acts of daring in the struggle for American independence.

Amid the simple surroundings of a New York country home, P. D. Armour and his brothers and sisters grew to maturity, imbibing the frugal and industrious habits which have been handed down from New England, and have done so much to develop and husband the resources of the United States. Wherever the New England spirit has been prevalent, schools, churches and manufactories have risen simultaneously, and society has rapidly advanced in the arts and sciences. The mother of this family was noted for a joyous disposition, and under her loving care its members grew up in a strong affection one for another, and readily adopted habits of cheerful industry, which led them all to material success.

Circumstances so favored Philip that, in addition to the district school, he was privileged to attend the village academy. Here he became a leader in both sports and studies, and it was considered a privilege to belong to his "set," for he early developed a perseverance and determination that carried through whatever he undertook. His ambition had already looked beyond the narrow limits of a country hamlet, and when the discovery of gold in California became a topic of general interest throughout the country, he eagerly joined a company which proposed to make the overland trip to the land of gold. They left Oneida, N. Y., in the spring of 1852, and reached their destination after six months of toilsome and dangerous journeying. Not all the dreams of all the Argonauts were realized. They found the country full of desperate adventurers, who had everything to gain and nothing to lose, with little or no law to restrain them. Here the habits

and ideas absorbed in early life by young Armour served him well. He went to work, and after four years of moderate success, in which the salient points of his character were more fully brought out, he returned for a short visit with his parents and the companions of his youth.

After a visit of a few weeks at his native place, he again started West, and located at Milwaukee, Wis., where he entered into partnership with Frederick B. Miles in the grain and commission business. To this business he gave his time and energies, with the result that it flourished and gave him a high standing among business men. In 1863, the firm was dissolved, and in the spring of that year he formed a connection which gave ample scope to his energies and abilities, and hastened his pecuniary advancement. This was a partnership with John Plankinton, a widely-known merchant and provision dealer, who had been long established at that point, and the new firm engaged extensively in pork-packing for the market. At this period, the tendency of prices was ever upward, because of the large demands and limited supply made by the Civil War, and business prospered with Plankinton & Armour. Herman O. Armour, a brother of the junior partner, had established himself in the grain and commission business at Chicago in 1862, and three years later he was induced to take an interest in and charge of a New York branch, under the style of Armour, Plankinton & Co. At the same time, the Chicago business of H. O. Armour & Co. was placed in charge of Joseph F. Armour, and so continued until 1870. In 1868, Armour & Co. began packing meats in Chicago, and two years later absorbed the business of all the Armour brothers in this city. In 1871, Armour & Plankinton established a packing-house at Kansas City, under the supervision of Simon B. Armour, who gave the same judicious and active care to its interests which have characterized all the business undertakings of the Armours. In 1883, the Kansas City business was assumed by the Armour Packing Company, in which Kirkland B. Armour was the leading spirit. For four years previously it had been op-

erated by the Armour Brothers Packing Company, with Andrew Watson Armour as President.

In 1875, P. D. Armour came to Chicago, and from this center of the provision business has ever since manipulated the business of the several plants. The extent of this can be judged from the fact that the distributive sales of the Chicago branch exceed the receipts of any single railroad corporation in the world. Mr. Armour has as yet relaxed but little of his labor, and is found at his desk at seven o'clock in the morning directing business. To all he is most affable and courteous, and he is regarded by his friends as the most genial of men. His only departure from attention to his private business consisted in the acceptance of a directorship in the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, at the earnest request of his friend, Alexander Mitchell, of Milwaukee, now deceased. He has been a stockholder in the Milwaukee Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and many other enterprises which deserved and needed his sanction and support. The simple habits and healthful surroundings of his boyhood gave him a vigorous physique, which, seconded by a sound constitution, has enabled him to perform wonders in the line of business, and he still possesses a wonderful vitality, which promises many more years of labor to him. He is ably assisted by his sons, Jonathan Ogden Armour and Philip D. Armour, Jr., who have proven themselves apt pupils in the school of business in which their sire is past master.

Mr. Armour was married at Cincinnati, Ohio, in October, 1862, to Miss Belle, only daughter of Jonathan Ogden. Starting in life with the same sound New England training, Mrs. Armour has been a true sharer in the labors and successes of her husband. The family is affiliated with the Plymouth Congregational Church, in the work of which strong organization Mr. Armour takes a deep interest and bears his due share. If the ambitious American youth seeks an example worthy of his emulation in the struggles of life, let him study the qualities which have made Mr. Armour financially successful, and which have led him to share his prosperity with those around him.



## THOMAS EDWARD LEWIS.

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**T**HOMAS EDWARD LEWIS, a self-made, enterprising and progressive citizen of Wheaton, is one of the pioneers of Illinois, having come to the State with his parents in 1839. He is a native of Swansea, Wales, born on the 2d of July, 1826. His ancestors were prominent in the military service of Great Britain, and were among the most ancient in that country. His grandfather, Joshua Lewis, was a farmer, and lived to be over ninety years old, being succeeded on retiring by his son Joseph, father of Thomas E. Lewis, all being born on the same farm. Joseph Lewis married Margaret, only daughter of Thomas Roberts, a neighboring farmer. Beside this daughter, Mr. Roberts had two sons, John and Thomas. The former was a very stalwart specimen of manhood, being six feet and six inches in height. He led the choir in the Independent Church near his home.

As above stated, in 1839 Joseph Lewis came with his family to America. Proceeding at once to West Northfield, Cook County, Ill., he preempted a quarter-section of land, on which he passed the balance of his life. His wife died in her seventy-first year, and he lived to see his eighty-eighth. Of their thirteen children, twelve grew to maturity, the third dying in Wales, and nine are now living. Following are their names: Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Evan, John, William, Sarah, David, Charles, Eli, Maria and Margaret. The eldest mastered Hebrew, Greek, Latin, navigation and surveying before he was twenty years old, and became a Methodist Episcopal clergyman. He died at the early age of twenty-seven years, at Norwood Park, Ill., where he was buried, though his home was at Beloit, Wis., where he built the first Methodist Church

of that city. David and Mary are deceased, and William is a resident of Portland, Ore. Charles is practicing medicine in Chicago.

Thomas E. Lewis attended school in his native place till he was nine years old, when he went to work. His first week's wages were eighteen cents, which he kept as a souvenir for many years. With the exception of about a quarter's attendance at night school in Chicago, the balance of his education has been supplied by contact with the world, and he has proved a most apt pupil. Nature blessed him with a sound mind and constitution, and he is considered one of the solid men whose presence in the community is a blessing, for his judgment is correct and he has the courage to carry out his convictions. With no early advantages, with no aid save his own industry and adherence to an ideal, he has amassed a modest competence, and has earned the respect and good-will of his fellows.

The old proverb says, "Where there is a will, there is a way," and one morning in the spring of 1843 young Lewis set out on foot for Chicago to find the way, his capital on starting consisting of fifty cents. His feet becoming sore from the action of a pair of new and stiff boots, he made a bargain with a teamster bound for the city to carry him thither for eighteen cents. Arriving on South Water Street, he came opposite the lumber-yard of Sylvester Lynd, the first person to whom he had spoken after alighting, and he at once engaged to work in the lumber-yard at such remuneration as Mr. Lynd found him worth after trial. This was soon fixed at \$12 per month, and in addition his kind employer provided him with a new suit of clothing, complete, in order that he might attend Sabbath-school. He soon made

himself familiar with the lumber business, and was promoted to the position of inspector, with a corresponding salary. He remained in the city for seven years, being for a short time in the employ of the late Deacon Philo Carpenter, a well-known pioneer of Chicago.

In the spring of 1850 Mr. Lewis took a help-mate, in the person of Miss Margaret, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Jones, all of Bala, Wales, where the family has dwelt for many generations on the same farm, called "Nanthir," and which is still occupied by some of its members. Mrs. Thomas J. Evans, a pioneer of Racine, Wis., is a sister of Mrs. Lewis. Mr. Lewis immediately took his bride to a farm of his own at Arlington Heights (then called Dunton), Cook County, where he broke up and improved wild land and got a good start in the world. He remained there eighteen years, serving continuously as School Director, and then removed to Blue Island, in the same county, and continued his agricultural pursuits, being there also a school officer for six years. Beside farming, Mr. Lewis has dealt extensively in lands, and is a large owner of Chicago and Hyde Park real estate, as well as numerous farms. He dwelt two years in Englewood, and removed thence on the 1st of May, 1891, to Wheaton, where he built a handsome home on an eminence near College Avenue Station. He still occupies himself with the care of his large farms near Wheaton, though he finds time to give attention to all matters of public concern, especially education, on which his judgment is eminently sound and practical. He has striven to equip his children for the battle of life, and six of his daughters are graduates of the Cook County Normal School, and successful teachers.

Like all true Welshmen, Mr. Lewis is proud of his native land, its people and their achievements, though this does not detract in the least from his loyal American spirit. He is a Director and Treasurer of the Cambro Printing Company, of Chicago, which publishes a Welsh and English newspaper called *Columbia*, the largest of its kind in the world. For a short time Mr. Lewis was President and General Manager of this company, but as soon as it was firmly established he re-

signed those positions, because he could not devote his time to them. When it was found necessary to provide a bond for the payment of prizes offered for competition in the International *Eisteddfod*, in Festival Hall, at the World's Columbian Exposition, Mr. Lewis, with true patriotic spirit, came forward and gave his personal security for \$12,500, which was ultimately paid out of the receipts of the festival, thus justifying his faith in his compatriots and the Fair.

In religious matters, Mr. Lewis is liberal and progressive. He attends the Congregational Church with his entire family. In political concerns, he adheres to the Republican party, because he believes it rests on true underlying principles, but has never found the time nor had the inclination to seek preferment. He took a deep interest in the public school management, because he had a large family to educate, and gave much time to this interest, always insisting on the conduct of the schools with a sole view to the public welfare, sometimes making enemies by his course, but always triumphing in the end. He is now serving as Alderman from the Second Ward of Wheaton. He is a member of the Welsh Society, *Cymrodorion*, and the League of American Wheelmen, he being an expert bicycle-rider.

On the 6th of May, 1889, death entered the home of Mr. Lewis and took the kind, faithful wife and mother, leaving, beside the bereaved husband, seven of her nine children to mourn her absence. The eldest of these, Margaret J., wife of George H. Brewster, of Wheaton, died July 9, 1891. Joseph W. resides at Blue Island, where he is engaged in manufacturing; and Sarah M., who for some time held the position of Critic Teacher at the Cook County Normal School, is now her father's housekeeper. Alice U., wife of James H. Kerr, resides at Amsley, Neb., and is prominent in temperance and Sunday-school work, making frequent public addresses in their behalf. Mary A., Mrs. William H. Hoar, died a few weeks before her mother. Cora E. graduated at the Blue Island High School, at the Cook County Normal (being valedictorian of the two-years graduating class), and at Oberlin College, Ohio. She is now Principal of the Belle



Plaine School in Chicago, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Illinois State Teachers' Association. She makes frequent addresses on educational topics, and was chosen to conduct the model school which served as a World's Fair exhibit near Jackson Park, and carried it through successfully. Ada L., widow of J.W. Bannerman, with her son Tommy, resides with Mr. Lewis. Edward J. is engaged in the real-estate and fire-insurance at Wheaton, Ill. Grace May (often called Minnie) is pursuing a medical course at the Woman's College in Chicago.

Mr. Lewis is a frank, whole-souled gentleman, with refined instincts and manly self-respect,

which forbid his doing a mean or low act, and his conversation is always cheerful and entertaining. Out of a ripe experience, he has gathered a large stock of general and useful knowledge. Now, in his sixty-eighth year, he is in the full vigor of a temperate and well-spent life. He has a closely knit frame, weighing one hundred and ninety pounds, and has promise of an extended continuance of an existence which has blessed himself, his family, and the community at large. When his time comes to lay down the active duties of life, which have been a perennial source of pleasure, he can safely consign the good name that he has won to the care of a worthy posterity.

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## RICHARD S. GOUGH.

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**R**ICHARD S. GOUGH, Manager of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company at the stock yards in Chicago, although doing business in the metropolis of the West, makes his home in Turner, preferring the quiet of a small town in which to spend his leisure hours. England has furnished a number of valued citizens to DuPage County, among whom is our subject. He was born in Buckingham, England, February 6, 1844, and his parents, James and Ann (Scott) Gough, were also natives of the same country. The paternal grandfather was an English farmer, and spent his entire life in his native land. The maternal grandfather, William Scott, who was also an agriculturist, was a member of the regular militia, and was an Episcopalian in religious belief. He reached a very advanced age.

James Gough was an extensive farmer of Buckinghamshire, and died in the land of his birth in 1851, at the age of forty-two years. His wife long survived him, passing away in 1892, at the age of eighty. They were both members of the Episcopalian Church. He was one of the parish

officials, and belonged to the Royal Bucks Yeomanry, a cavalry association. In the Gough family were three sons and three daughters, but only two are now living: Richard S., and Rebecca, who is now a resident of Great Marlow, England.

Richard S. Gough left his native land in 1859, at the age of fourteen years, and, coming to America, located in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he spent one winter. The next summer was also spent in the Empire State, and in 1861 he made his way westward to Chicago. He there enlisted in the war, in the telegraph service, and served for two and a-half years, when he was discharged on account of sickness. After the war he went to Dixon, Ill., as telegraph operator, spending one year at that place, and going thence to Bureau Junction, where he served in the capacity of operator for two years. His next location was in Muscatine, Iowa, and subsequently we find him in Wilton Junction, Iowa, where he was employed as agent for the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad Company, remaining in that place until 1867.



That year witnessed his arrival in Chicago, and saw him employed in the Chicago Union Stock Yards, as chief operator in the office of the Western Union Company. In May, 1872, he was appointed manager of the office, which position he filled until 1881, when he resigned to accept the position of manager for the Mutual Union Company at the stock yards. With that company he remained until 1883, when the two companies consolidated, and he then accepted the position of manager of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, which he has filled to the present time, employing two assistants. He now has charge of thirty-seven men, and the business has increased from \$3,600 to \$200,000 per year.

On the 8th of June, 1864, Mr. Gough wedded Miss Sarah E., daughter of E. H. and Jane (Sherman) Ketcham. Seven children have blessed this union, two sons and five daughters. Gertrude, the eldest, married Connell Sheffler, who is engaged in business in the stock yards in Chicago, and they have two sons, Richard and Rankin.

Julia is the next younger. Jennie is the wife of Charles E. Trescott, a printer of Choteau, Mont., by whom she has two children, Gertrude and Richard. The other members of the family are Alice, Rea and Raymond. One died in infancy.

The family occupies a pleasant home in Turner, which is the property of Mr. Gough, who also owns several town lots. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Modern Woodmen, and of the Telegraphic Mutual Benefit Association. For about two years he was President of the School Board in Turner, and discharged the duties of that position with the same fidelity which has characterized all his affairs, both public and private. He now occupies a very responsible position, and that he discharges his duties faithfully and well is manifest by his long continuance in the service. He is a man of good business ability, honorable and upright in all his dealings, and has the confidence and good-will of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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## EDWARD HAMMETT.

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**E**DWARD HAMMETT, Cashier of the Lincoln National Bank, Chicago, and a resident of Wheaton, is descended from an old New England family of English origin. His great-grandfather, Nathan Hammett, spent his life in Newport, R. I., where he had an estate on the harbor front, which he divided at death between his surviving sons, Edward and Nathan. He passed away July 18, 1816, and his wife, Catharine Yates, of Providence, R. I., survived him many years, dying February 17, 1837.

Edward, eldest son of Nathan Hammett, was a builder and vessel-owner, interested in the whaling industry, and passed his life at Newport. He died about 1858, being upwards of eighty

years old. His wife, Amy Lyon, was of English descent, and was, like himself, a native of Newport. They had five sons and two daughters. Albert, the youngest of these, is still a resident of Newport, being seventy-two years of age, and being still, as always, engaged in the lumber trade, occupying the site of his grandfather's estate on the harbor front. For a few years he dwelt at New Bedford, but returned to Newport in 1853. His wife, Sarah Swasey, was born in Salem, Mass., and was a daughter of Alexander Swasey, a captain in the merchant marine service, making voyages to China. Through her mother, Mrs. Hammett was descended from Jerathmel Bowers, who came from England about the mid-

dle of the seventeenth century, and settled on the Taunton River, near Somerset, Mass. He was an extensive shipbuilder and slave-owner, and built a magnificent mansion near his shipyards. On account of its commercial surroundings, this is now an undesirable residence property, and is used as a tenement for laborers.

Edward Hammett was born at New Bedford, Mass., June 26, 1848, and was reared at Newport. He attended the public school and a private school there, and a business college at Providence, but left school at the age of fifteen years, and has since been actively engaged in business. He was employed for a time in the Newport postoffice, and later in his father's lumber office. With an ambition to be numbered among the citizens of the growing West, he set out for Chicago at the age of nineteen. He secured employment as a clerk with S. H. McCrea & Co., grain and produce commission dealers, and remained in their employ fourteen years, which is a strong testimonial to his ability and faithfulness. For several years subsequently he was a partner in the firm of W. F. Johnson & Co., in the same line of business. He was one of the original stockholders and incorporators of the Lincoln National Bank, and was one of its first officers, and after two years in other business, resumed his connection with that bank, of which he is now Cashier. In the spring of 1883 he became a resident of Wheaton, and purchased sixteen acres of land, with a handsome mansion facing College Avenue, at the corner of President Street. This house occupies an elevation commanding a view of the city of Wheaton and surrounding country, and is an ideal home in which to rear a family.

On November 28, 1870, in Chicago, Mr. Hammett married Miss Mary E. Culver, who is a native of that city. Her parents, John Breese Culver and Margaret A. Boyd, were born in New Jersey, and the city of Leith, Scotland, respectively, the latter being a daughter of John and Jeannette Boyd. Mrs. Hammett's paternal grandfather, Phineas Culver, was born March 17, 1764, in Bernard, Somerset County, N. J. His father came from Shrewsbury, England, to Bernard when an old man, and Phineas was early left an orphan.

With three elder brothers he joined the fortunes of the Continental Army, being employed for several years as errand boy, and carrying a musket at last. He settled at Horseheads, N. Y., and became wealthy, owning five hundred acres of land, but he refused to employ slave labor, as did many of his neighbors. His wife, Phoebe Breese, was a daughter of John and Hannah (Gildersleeve) Breese, the former one of the first settlers at Horseheads, N. Y., and his wife a scion of an old Protestant-Irish family. John, father of John Breese, was born in Shrewsbury, England, in 1713, and settled at Bernard, Somerset County, N. J., in 1735. His wife, Dorothy Riggs, was also a native of Shrewsbury. John Breese, their son, was born at Bernard in November, 1738. Hannah Gildersleeve was born in June, 1750, and they were married June 30, 1769, a date which is supposed to have followed his settlement at Horseheads. Phoebe and Deborah Breese, their twin daughters, were born in February, 1773. From the Breese family are descended many noted American citizens, among whom may be mentioned the late Judge Samuel Sidney Breese, Chief Justice of the State of Illinois; Samuel Findlay Breese Morse, inventor of the electric telegraph; and Samuel Sidney Breese, Rear-Admiral of the United States Navy, who was buried at Newport.

John B. Culver, one of the prominent early citizens of Chicago, now resides with his daughter, Mrs. Hammett, at Wheaton. The children of the latter, nine in number, are as follows: Albert, a student in the medical department of the Michigan University at Ann Arbor; Llewellyn; Edith May; Edward; Helen; Amy; Lawrence; Dorothy and Margaret. The eldest married Mary Ione Cook, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammett are communicants of the Methodist Church, and in many ways are active in furthering the best interests of the community. Their home bears many evidences of refined and cultivated taste, and is the domicile of a happy and well-trained group of children, the central figure being the cheerful wife and mother. Mr. Hammett has never taken a prominent part in political affairs, but has always adhered to the Republican party, as the advocate and adminis-



trator of sound principles of government. He has served as a member of the Town Council of Wheaton, and is now a Trustee of the Adams Memorial Library. Without any sound of trump-

ets, he proceeds daily to perform to the best of his ability his duty to himself, his family and his fellow-men.

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## PASCHAL P. MATTHEWS.

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PASCHAL P. MATTHEWS, one of the highly respected citizens of Hinsdale, who well deserves representation in the history of his adopted county, is a native of the Empire State. He was born in Herkimer County, August 3, 1811, and is a son of Edmund and Lucy (McClelland) Matthews, the former of French descent, and the latter of Scotch lineage. Edmund Matthews was twice married, and by his first union had a son, Charles. By the second, there were five children: Henry; Lucy, deceased, wife of Reuben Wellington; Paschal P.; Emery, and Lucretia, deceased, wife of Myron Everetts. In early life the father of this family was a carpenter, and helped to build the first market-place in Boston. Later, however, he followed agricultural pursuits. He served during the War of 1812, as Quartermaster, and died on his farm in New York September 2, 1848, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife survived him some time, and passed away February 17, 1862. They held membership with the Presbyterian Church in Mexico, Oswego County, N. Y.

Mr. Matthews whose name heads this record spent his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm, remaining at home until he had reached his twentieth year, when he began to earn his own livelihood. Later, he attended school for a few months, and then engaged with a stage company for ten years. He was afterward for nearly ten years captain of a packet-boat on the Erie Canal, running between Syracuse, Schenectady and Utica. With the hope of bettering his financial condi-

tion, he determined to come to the West in 1859, and, carrying out this resolution, took up his residence in Chicago. He embarked in the grain business, and was connected with the Board of Trade for many years, continuing operations along this line until 1883, when he retired from active business.

On the 21st of May, 1840, Mr. Matthews wedded Miss Louisa Vinton, and they became the parents of one child, a daughter, Alice, now the wife of Nelson R. Davis. The mother died in 1891, since which time a niece of Mr. Matthews has been keeping house for him.

For many years our subject has been a member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity. In early life he exercised his right of franchise in support of the Whig party, but on its dissolution joined the ranks of the new Republican party and has since fought under its banner. It was in 1889 that he came to Hinsdale, where he has a beautiful home and ten acres of valuable land within the corporation limits of the town. He has now reached the age of eighty-two, but his years rest lightly upon him, and he is still strong and active. His eyes are bright, his mind clear and keen, and he is a good and rapid penman. While not a church member, he has always attended religious services and contributed liberally to church and benevolent work. He is a man of fine physique and excellent carriage, and bids fair to live for many years to come. His life has been honorable and upright, and his many friends hold him in high regard.



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MARSHALL FIELD.

## MARSHALL FIELD.

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**M**ARSHALL FIELD, the merchant prince of Chicago, who believes in sharing his prosperity with his fellow-citizens, comes of the hardy New England blood which has done so much toward developing the whole northern half of the United States. He was born in Conway, Franklin County, Mass., in 1835, and is a son of a farmer of that town. His early life differed none from that of lads of that time and region. His education was supplied by the local public school and academy, and his attention was early turned toward a mercantile career, which accorded best with his tastes and ambition.

The student of human progress, and the youth who seeks an example worthy of his emulation, in the struggle for success will find in the career of Marshall Field one more proof that the road to prosperity is a plain and narrow path, which lies open to almost every American youth. With no capital other than an active brain and the energy of youth, he laid the foundation of a magnificent estate, and a firm adherence to a simple rule of business has enabled him to complete the superstructure. He has never borrowed money, and has always insisted on the same rigid completion of contracts on the part of others which has characterized his own actions.

At the age of seventeen, young Field went to Pittsfield, in his native State, where he spent four years as clerk in a general store. Having thoroughly mastered the details of the business, he began to look about for a field that promised a wider opportunity for a young man. At that time (1856), Chicago was a city of about sixty thousand people, and he resolved to cast his lot in the growing town, which showed an energy that promised a rapid development. On his ar-

rival in Chicago, he at once secured employment in the wholesale dry-goods house of Cooley, Wadsworth & Co., which soon after became known as Cooley, Farwell & Co. Though he occupied a subordinate position, his ability and familiarity with business soon became apparent to his employers, and at the end of four years he was taken into partnership, and the largest house of its kind in the West became Farwell, Field & Co. In 1865 this firm was dissolved, and Mr. Field entered into a partnership with Potter Palmer and L. Z. Leiter, under the title of Field, Palmer & Leiter, which connection continued two years, at the end of which time Mr. Palmer withdrew, and the house was henceforth known as Field, Leiter & Co. until 1881, when, upon the withdrawal of Mr. Leiter, the style became Marshall Field & Co., and has so continued. For almost thirty years Mr. Field has been the head of the firm, and under the operation of his simple business rules it has steadily prospered. In 1868 the business was located at State and Washington Streets, where the buildings and stock were totally consumed in the great fire of 1871, entailing a loss of three and one-half millions of dollars. After serious delays, and with much difficulty, two and one-half millions of this were collected from the insurance companies, and with a dead loss of one million dollars, the business was continued, being temporarily located at State and Twentieth Streets, while the rebuilding of the house at State and Washington went on. This has been gradually increased in size by purchase and construction until it covers more than one-half of the block bounded by State, Washington and Randolph Streets and Wabash Avenue. In the year



1893, the portion covering the southeast corner was constructed, embodying every essential of comfort and convenience known to the modern builder's art. The wholesale department was separated from the retail in 1872, and removed to the corner of Madison and Market Streets. This location was soon found inadequate for the needs of the business, which was continually increasing, and in 1885 the construction of a building for the wholesale business was begun on the block surrounded by Fifth Avenue and Franklin, Adams and Quincy Streets. This was completed in 1887, and at once occupied, and continues to be the model of its kind for the whole world.

Such, in brief, is the record of achievements. Let none ask for further details. To the subject of this biography all publicity is extremely distasteful. The public demands all the knowledge obtainable, some from motives of mere curiosity, others from honest desire to benefit from the experience of a successful man. If one would emulate his example, let him adopt the same rules of life: Always pay cash, never give a note or mortgage, labor steadily, and never speculate or spend anything idly. In the conduct of the great wholesale house of Marshall Field & Co., goods are purchased for cash and sold on short time. Customers are strictly required to meet their payments, and are thus led to be cautious in contracting obligations, and prompt in their cancellation. By this method, the house retains the trade of the best and most successful merchants, and the interests of all are conserved. Under this safe and wholesome system,

the trade has grown to the annual dimensions of \$35,000,000. The pay-roll of the two stores includes from 3,500 to 4,000 persons, and to all of these, as well as any who may have business with him, Mr. Field is always accessible. With a wonderful power of organization, and the ability to gauge the qualifications of his subordinates, he encourages each by uniform kindness and consideration, and all are most loyal and faithful aids in the prosecution of business.

Mr. Field's home is the seat of quiet luxury, with no ostentation. He goes little into society, but takes a deep interest in the welfare of the city of his home, and responds liberally to all just calls upon his purse, though much of his benevolence is secretly bestowed. When the establishment of the new University of Chicago was made possible by the liberality of Mr. Rockefeller and others, Mr. Field donated a valuable tract of city ground as a part of the site. This gift seems all the more liberal in view of the fact that the institution is controlled by the Baptist Church, while Mr. Field is a Presbyterian. After the World's Columbian Exposition was closed, the people of Chicago began to agitate the idea of preserving as much as possible of the exhibits in a permanent home, which was made possible by Mr. Field's gift of one million dollars. On the second day of June, 1894, this institution was formally opened, under the title of "The Field Columbian Museum," with a few simple ceremonies, and its benefits are likely to extend to many generations and many millions of the American people.

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## JOHN ANTON DOLLINGER.

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JOHN ANTON DOLLINGER, a traveling salesman residing at Wheaton, is numbered among the early residents of DuPage County, and has made his own way in the world since he was ten years of age. He was born in Baden,

Germany, on the 24th of December, 1845, and is the eldest child of Christopher Dollinger, a native of the same place. His mother died when he was an infant, and when he had arrived at the age of twelve years his father brought the four children

to America. The second child, Adelaide, Mrs. George Rieser, resides in Naperville Township, DuPage County. Christopher, Jr., is a resident of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Margaret, Mrs. Luther, dwells in Fredericksburg, Neb. Christopher Dollinger engaged in farming in Naperville Township, where he died in 1873, aged about sixty years.

From the time of his arrival in America, our subject has been independent of parental aid in supporting or educating himself. He took employment in a hotel and meat-market kept by his maternal uncle, Nicholas Graff, at Danby, now Glen Ellyn, attending school a portion of the time, and continued in this way until the death of his uncle. He was afterward employed in a general store until 1862, when he entered the military service, as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry, in defense of the American Union. This service continued about three years, and involved a participation in many of the most decisive battles of the war. Mr. Dollinger was mustered out at Washington in June, 1865. While in front of Chattanooga, he was excused from duty on account of illness, but refused to leave his comrades, and remained at the front to the finish.

Since 1867 Mr. Dollinger has been in mercantile business, and for some years kept a grocery in Chicago. For the last seventeen years he has traveled in the capacity of salesman, and twelve of those years have been passed in the service of his present employers, Franklin MacVeagh & Co. In 1872 he became a resident of Wheaton, and he is the owner of a handsome brick residence on Wesley Street, near Scott. He takes an active interest in the social affairs of the town, being a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic and Knights of Pythias, as well as a genial, magnetic gentleman, whose friends are numbered by his list of acquaintances. He entertains liberal religious views, and is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

In 1868 Mr. Dollinger married Miss Emogene C. Wicks, who was born in Carthage, N. Y., and bears in her veins the blood of the principal European settlers of New England and New York—French, English and Dutch. Her parents were Stutley and Ann E. (Strong) Wicks, the former being a son of Stutley Wicks, whose wife's maiden name was Treadway. Three children complete the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dollinger, namely: Anna W., Charles A. and William.

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## DEACON NEWTON CHAPIN.

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**D**EACON NEWTON CHAPIN, deceased, a prominent resident of northeastern Illinois, was a man widely and favorably known. He was born in Chicopee, Mass., April 17, 1821, and was a son of William and Lucy (Day) Chapin. The family is descended from Deacon Samuel Chapin, who emigrated from England about 1640. He was one of the seven men who founded Springfield, Mass., and was prominent in the government of that town for many years. Twenty

thousand of his descendants contributed to the erection of a monument to his memory in Springfield a few years since. His direct descendants now number fifty thousand people, about three-fourths of whom are professed Christians, many of them being widely known in church work and other fields of labor. The family is indeed an honored one.

Newton Chapin spent his boyhood upon a farm, aiding in the labors of the fields from an early



age. His school privileges in youth were limited, but, wishing to acquire a good education, he attended Andover Academy after reaching the age of twenty-one, meeting his tuition with money saved from his wages as a mechanic. Leaving school, he engaged in carpenter work in Springfield, and followed that occupation and bridge-building until 1856, when he decided to seek a home in the West, hoping thereby to benefit his financial condition. Coming to Illinois, he located in Chicago. The previous season he spent a few months in St. Louis, Mo. In 1867, he removed to Lombard, where he made his home until 1874, when he returned to Chicago. In this city Mr. Chapin was engaged in bridge and depot building, his first contract being the building of the first Van Buren Street bridge. He was associated first with William B. Howard, and later with D. L. Wells, and built many bridges for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and other corporations. He was the inventor of the "Newton Chapin Clamp and Key" for truss bridges.

In the great fire of 1871, he lost all his property, but managed to pay off his creditors in full, although he never afterward became a wealthy man. He was a man whose word was as good as his bond, and no one ever suffered loss at his hands. After the fire he became interested in the manufacture and sale of the Babcock Fire Extinguisher, and was also associated with his son in the stationery business. He was the publisher of "Chapin's Lumber Reckoner," which is now in general use throughout the United States and Europe. A short time before the great fire Mr. Chapin had returned home after a fifteen-months trip abroad. He was accompanied by his family, and visited many places of interest in Europe, Asia and Africa. The journey was made chiefly on account of the health of Mr. Chapin, and in 1876 he went to Denver, Colo., hoping thereby to benefit his health. He returned to Chicago in 1878, where he continued to reside until his death, December

17, 1887. He was married forty years previous, in 1847, to Carra B. Sawin, a native of Ashland, Mass. They became parents of six children, four of whom died in childhood. William Newton Chapin, the eldest, now has charge of the production of the Ticonderoga Paper Company, of Ticonderoga, N. Y. He married Ella T. Hull, daughter of R. E. Hull, of Detroit, Mich., and they have had five children, of whom one died in infancy, while Edna, Mary, Helen and Newton are still living. Charles O., the other son of the family, is engaged in the manufacture of stationery specialties in Chicago. He resides in Lombard and is a member of the Congregational Church of that place. He takes a very active part in the work of the church, and the Christian Endeavor Society, and is always ready to aid in promoting the best interests of the community in which he lives. In Denver, Colo., he wedded Fannie E., daughter of J. G. A. and S. E. Finn. They have adopted three children, two of whom died in infancy, and Ruth Sawin Chapin, the third, died June 20, 1893, at the age of four years and three months. Mrs. Carra Chapin, wife of our subject, was called to her final rest November 24, 1885, at the age of fifty-nine.

Mr. Chapin became one of the Deacons of Plymouth Congregational Church of Chicago as early as 1857, and was ever prominent in its work and upbuilding. He contributed liberally to the erection of the house of worship, and on removing to Lombard became the prime mover in the building of the Congregational Church at that place. He was always active in church work, and at his death was a teacher in the Sunday-school of the Union Tabernacle Congregational Church. He was a man of fixed principles and strict integrity, whose whole life was governed by conscientious motives. Always interested in the spiritual welfare of the community, he left to his family an untarnished name, well worthy of perpetuation in the history of his adopted county.



## HON. CARTER H. HARRISON.

HON. CARTER H. HARRISON, deceased, late Mayor of Chicago, was one of the most prominent citizens of the western metropolis for the long period of thirty-six years, and was its most popular citizen. The record of his life is interwoven with the history of the community, with its social, business and political career. A native of Fayette County, Ky., he came of an old Virginian family, which was connected with the struggle for independence, and which had among its members one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. His father was a gentleman planter, and from his birth, February 15, 1825, until his sixteenth year, he remained in the old southern home. After completing his common-school and academic education, he studied under Dr. Marshall, of Lexington, brother of Chief Justice Marshall, thus preparing himself for his university course. He entered the sophomore class at Yale in 1842, and was graduated in law and letters in 1845. At college he was a member of the Scroll and Key Society, whose roster embraces the names of the most prominent men who claim Yale as their *Alma Mater*. After his return to Kentucky, Mr. Harrison attended a post-graduate course of law lectures for a year. He then went back to his boyhood home, and was the manager of the large plantation from 1847 to 1851.

In the latter year, Mr. Harrison went abroad, spending some months in visiting Paris, London, Edinburgh and the cities of Germany and Austria. The ostensible purpose of this trip was the purchase of some blooded cattle, and this business brought him in contact with the Earl of Ducie, at whose country seat he made a long visit. It was during this trip that he studied the French and German languages, his knowledge of which proved of immense benefit to him in later years, and made him one of the best representatives of

the nation in receiving the foreign visitors at the World's Columbian Exposition, so lately closed. Leaving Europe, Mr. Harrison then spent many months in travel through Syria, Palestine and Asia Minor, in company with Bayard Taylor, who was then gathering material for his book, "The Land of the Saracen," in the preface of which the author refers to "my traveling companion, Mr. Carter Henry Harrison, of Clifton, Ky."

Returning to his native land and State in 1852, Mr. Harrison completed his law studies and was soon afterwards admitted to the Bar. In 1855, he married Miss Sophie Preston, of Henderson, Ky., and unto them were born four children who are yet living: Lina, wife of Heaton Owsley, of Chicago; Carter H., Jr.; William Preston and Sophie G. There were six other children, all of whom died in early youth.

Chicago was first visited by Mr. Harrison the year of his marriage, and so well pleased was he with the young city that he sold his Kentucky home, and in 1857 made a permanent location here. The \$30,000 which he secured from his Kentucky property he at once invested in real estate. One of his earliest purchases was the block at the corner of Clark and Harrison Streets, which he still owned at the time of his death, and which in the years that have passed has become very valuable. He also bought unimproved land on the West Side, which was later made the Carter Harrison Subdivision. His first home was at the southwest corner of Hermitage Avenue and Congress Street, where he erected a residence in 1860. Six years later he purchased the Honore home at No. 231 Ashland Avenue, where he continued to reside until his death.

On coming to Chicago, he engaged to a limited extent in law practice, but he who was to become so well known as an orator and extemporer

aneous speaker was then so timid about public speaking that he abandoned the law. In 1871, he entered upon his official career, being elected County Commissioner. In 1872, he was prevailed upon to make the race for Congress against Jasper D. Ward, but was defeated by seven hundred votes. In 1874, he again accepted the nomination. He and his opponent, Mr. Ward, who had defeated him two years previously, both claimed the election, and on a recount of votes Mr. Harrison was declared the winner by a majority of eight. It was while he was in Congress that, in September, 1876, his wife died. She passed away in Gera, Germany, where the elder children were attending school, and was there interred. While Mr. Harrison was crossing the ocean to bring his motherless children home, his Democratic constituents nominated him for Congress, and a few days after his return he was re-elected, defeating Col. George R. Davis by six hundred votes. Later the remains of his wife were brought back to Chicago and interred at Graceland. He refused the re-nomination for Congress in 1878.

In 1879, by the vote of the people, Mr. Harrison was placed in the Mayor's chair, which he filled for eight years, being three times re-elected. During his second term, he was again married, the lady being Miss Margaret Stearns, daughter of Marcus C. Stearns, one of the oldest settlers of Chicago. The ceremony was performed in July, 1882. In 1887, Mr. Harrison was offered a fifth nomination, but declined. Even after this his name was put before the convention as a delegate, and he was nominated by acclamation. Mr. Harrison, who had hitherto been absent, then appeared before the convention, and his coming was the signal for an ovation. Cheer after cheer rent the air. When quiet had been restored, he said that he would only accept on one condition, namely, that every man in the convention should by raising his right hand pledge himself to loyally support his candidacy. Every hand went up, and again a mighty cheer shook the building. The local press antagonized his nomination bitterly, and friends of President Cleveland gave it out that the administration at Washington de-

sired Mr. Harrison's defeat. Worried by this opposition in his party and the illness of his wife, who died a few weeks later, he sent a letter of resignation to the Democratic Committee.

Two months after the death of his wife, Mr. Harrison started on his journey around the world, and during his travels the public was made familiar with his wanderings through his letters to the *Chicago Mail*. On his return he was urged to put these into book form, which he later did, under the happily selected title, "A Race with the Sun." His was certainly one of the most comprehensive journeys ever made in one circuit of the globe. He visited the northwestern part of our own country, the Pacific Coast, and sailed from Vancouver to Yokohama. He spent many pleasant hours in Japan; studied the habits and quaint customs of the Chinese; became intimate with the King of Siam; visited the various points of interest in India and Ceylon; sailed the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea and the Suez Canal; took a trip up the Nile, and afterwards studied Greece in the light of its past and of its present, and drew his conclusions as to its future. In conclusion he wrote: "Again I look out of our window; clouds are gathering over the sky; the curtain of the far West is dyed in purple and salmon. Through a cloud-rift the round, low-down sun is bloody red. Nearly five hundred times has he run his course since we started in our race with him around the world. He has reached our home and passed it, and we are not yet quite there. He dips his rim and is gone. He has won the race. To him and to you goodbye."

Mr. Harrison reached home on the 8th of November, 1889, and the following year was again urged to become the candidate for Mayor, but he refused the honor, and during the two succeeding years lived a quiet, retired life. At the expiration of that period, however, he was again a nominee for Mayor on an independent ticket. Nothing else could have so indicated his personal popularity. There were four candidates in the field, and Mr. Harrison polled a very large vote, the three leaders being separated by but three thousand ballots. Members of the Democracy



greatly opposed his course, but the majority of the party believed in him, and he became their candidate for the campaign of 1893. He was elected by an overwhelming majority to a position all the more important from the fact that his city, where the World's Fair was to be held, would receive distinguished visitors from all lands, and he would virtually be the country's representative in welcoming them to the United States. All summer long as a courteous host he presided, and each day added to the number of his friends. Again and again he had presided on different pub-

lic occasions, and on the 28th of October, two days before the official closing of the Fair, Mayors' Day was celebrated, a day set apart for the Mayors of all the cities of the Union. Mr. Harrison, in his capacity of host, presided, and at the close of the ceremonies returned to his home. A few hours later a shot was fired which terminated his life, and the city, which was making such extensive preparations to close the Fair with brilliant ceremonies, went instead into mourning for its Chief Executive.

## GEORGE FRASER.

**G**EORGE FRASER is an influential Scotch-American citizen, who has made his home in Chicago for nearly thirty years. Allen Grange, near the village of Munloch, in Ross-shire, Scotland, where he was born, has been the home of his ancestors for more than a century, and three generations of the name are now living there.

His father, Donald Fraser, was a blacksmith by trade, succeeding his father, John Fraser, in that occupation. Donald Fraser died at Allen Grange in 1875, at the age of seventy years. His wife, whose maiden name was Isabella Young, still lives there, having attained the venerable age of more than ninety-one years. She is a native of the same place, her father having been a farmer in that locality.

George Fraser was born on the 2d of June, 1840. He attended the parish school at Munloch, and when he was old enough went to learn the trade of a baker at Dingwall. He served a four-years apprenticeship without wages, and subsequently spent two years in working at his trade in Edinburgh, and one year in London, England. In 1866 he resolved to come to Amer-

ica. Upon reaching Brooklyn, New York, he tarried a few months in that city, but in the following spring continued his journey to Chicago. Here he immediately found work at his trade, and in 1868 he opened an establishment of his own on Division Street, near his present location. In common with most of his neighbors in that vicinity, three years later he lost everything he possessed by the Great Fire, and for a few months thereafter moved to the West Side. For twenty-three years past he has been in his present location, and the constant arrival and departure of customers attests the popularity which his business has attained.

About sixteen years ago Mr. Fraser united with St. Andrew's Society, an organization in which nearly all of the best of his countrymen in Chicago are interested. His active interest in this association has caused him to become one of its most popular members, and for six years past he has officiated as one of its Board of Managers. He has been a member of the Caledonian Club for ten years, and, with few exceptions, has voted the Republican ticket since becoming a citizen of the United States.



In 1867 Mr. Fraser was married to Catharine Ross, a native of Invergordon, Ross-shire, Scotland. She is the daughter of David Ross, a representative of one of the oldest Scottish families, in honor of which their native shire was named. Mrs. Fraser is a valuable helpmate to and adviser of her husband, and the mother of five children, named, respectively, Anna, Isabel, Donald George, Kate and Margaret.

Born and reared amid the historic and picturesque scenes of the Highlands, Mr. Fraser is a typical representative of the Gaelic race, a people noted for their sturdy character and industrious and frugal habits. Their adherence to principle has led them to endure much in past centuries, and they have exerted no small influence upon the progress and civilization of America.

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## JOHN J. RUSSELL.

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JOHN J. RUSSELL, an esteemed pioneer of Cook County, now deceased, was born in Sharon Springs, New York, on the 14th of August, 1810, and made farming his life work. Emigrating westward, he reached Chicago on the 14th of February, 1836, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of timber-land, including the site on which Rush Medical College now stands. About a year and a-half later he sold and removed to Niles Township, where he lived six months. He then became a resident of Northfield Township, purchasing land on section 14, to which he afterwards added until he had on sections 14, 15 and 22 three hundred and forty acres of rich land, all in one body, which yielded to him a good income. Here he devoted the greater part of his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, winning success in his undertakings. He married Ann Eliza Legg, daughter of Isaac Legg, a native of Tennessee. The lady was born in Kentucky on the 9th of October, 1813, and with her parents came to Chicago in 1833. Her death occurred at Wilmette, August 20, 1886. She was a lady of many admirable qualities, and she and her husband had been for many years

identified with the Methodist Church. They contributed liberally to its support, and were always considered among the leading members.

To Mr. and Mrs. Russell were born six children, three sons and three daughters: Isaac H., who is now proprietor of a paper and paint store in Chicago; John J., deceased; Edward, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this work; Lizzie, wife of B. F. Kay, who for twenty-four years has been connected with the postoffice of Chicago; Ella, wife of Henry McDaniel, a policeman of Wilmette; and Lena, who completes the family. After many years spent in farming, John J. Russell removed to Wilmette, where his death occurred April 30, 1889. He always advocated the principles of the Republican party, and kept well informed on the issues of the day. He took quite an interest in military affairs and belonged to the State militia, in which he held a Lieutenant's commission from Gov. Ford. He was for ten years a member of the Board of Supervisors and for several years County Commissioner, a faithful officer in both positions. He was ever a public-spirited citizen, and the best interests of the community found in him a friend.

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## WILLIAM HUGH JONES.

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**W**ILLIAM HUGH JONES, the President of the Plano Manufacturing Company, one of the substantial industries of Chicago, is a native of Wales. He was born in 1845, and is one of eight children whose parents were Hugh and Jennett Jones. The father was a farmer by occupation and was comfortably situated. In 1812, when eighteen years of age, he crossed the Atlantic to America, locating near Utica, N. Y., where the death of his first wife occurred. He afterward returned to Wales, where he was again married, the second wife being the mother of our subject. They were both members of the Welsh Calvinistic Church, in which the father served as Deacon. In 1857 he again came with his family to this country, and located in Wisconsin, from where he removed to Iowa in 1873. His death occurred in Howard County, Iowa, in 1876, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife survived him for about four years. Her father, Richard Jones, was an extensive farmer in Wales, and reached the advanced age of ninety-two years. The family to which our subject belongs numbered six sons and two daughters, but only four are now living: William H., Hugh H., John H. and Owen W. The last-named is Secretary of the Plano Manufacturing Company.

We now take up the personal history of W. H. Jones, who is truly a self-made man, in the best sense of the term, for he started out in life empty-handed and has worked his way upward by untiring labor, making the most of his opportunities and overcoming the difficulties and obstacles in his path by a determined effort to succeed. He continued in his native land until twelve years of age, and then accompanied his parents to this country, and with them went to Wisconsin. He was early inured to hard labor, but thereby he developed a self-reliance and force of character

which have proven of incalculable benefit to him in his later years. His youth was spent in work upon the home farm, and to his father he gave the benefit of his services until the spring of 1866, when he had attained his majority. He now turned his attention to other pursuits, and became agent for the Dodge Reapers and Champion Mowers in Berlin, Wis., selling those machines until 1868, when he became traveling salesman for the firm of L. J. Bush & Co., of Milwaukee. Two years covered his continuance with that company, and in 1870 he formed a connection with E. H. Gammon for the sale of the Marsh Harvester, which at that time was the only machine of the class on the market. Subsequently, the firm became Gammon & Deering, and Mr. Jones continued in their employ as general traveling salesman and supervisor of agencies until the partnership was dissolved in the fall of 1879, on the retirement of Mr. Gammon. Mr. Jones, however, continued to serve in the interests of Mr. Deering until 1881, when he, in connection with Mr. Gammon, Lewis Steward, and others who had been previously interested in the Harvester Works in Plano, Ill., organized the Plano Manufacturing Company. He became its President and has since continued at its head, and owing to the good management, keen foresight and excellent business and executive ability of the President, the Plano Manufacturing Company now is one of the prominent industries of this city. During his business career, Mr. Jones has kept informed concerning all inventions along this line, and no agricultural implement is put on the market without his knowledge. His early life as a farmer made known to him what was needed in farm work. His later experience made him familiar with all kinds of farm machinery; hence in placing upon the market such machinery he would

combine in its construction his knowledge of the mechanical necessities with that which was required for the actual work. Many inventors who know nothing about farm work in itself fail to do this. The wisdom of his method is shown in the result, for the Plano machines have met with unqualified success and fill a long-felt want in farm implements. Through the dark hours of the greatest panic known to commerce (in 1893), the company built and now occupies a new factory, which for completeness and detailed perfection is without an equal, covering twenty-five acres. It is located on 120th Street, West Pullman. In the old factory, although it afforded extensive facilities, it was unable for several years to satisfy the popular demand. With improved machinery and perfect arrangement for manufacturing, it is now prepared to meet the full demand not only of its American but rapidly increasing foreign trade.

In 1867, Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Owens, and unto them have been born three sons, Hugh W., William O. and Gar-

field R. The parents are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, contribute liberally to its support, and take an active interest in its work. Mr. Jones is now serving as one of its Trustees. In politics, he advocates Republican principles, but in voting does not feel himself bound by party ties. He has never sought official honors, desiring rather to give his entire time and attention to his business interests and the enjoyment of the home and the companionship of his family. In April, 1872, he came to Evanston, where he has resided almost continuously since, and among the people of this beautiful suburb he is held in the highest regard, for he is a man of upright character and his example is worthy of emulation. In the fall of 1878 he opened a wholesale implement house in Minneapolis, which has since done a large business, and with which he was connected until 1889. The farm has furnished to this country many of its most prominent and successful business men, and among these is W. H. Jones.

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## SHEPHERD JOHNSTON.

**S**HEPHERD JOHNSTON, late Secretary and Clerk of the Board of Education of Chicago, was descended from Scotch ancestry, his paternal grandfather, who was a soldier in the War of the American Revolution, being an emigrant from Scotland to New York City some time in the latter part of the eighteenth century. Mary, the wife of this ancestor, was born in 1761, and died June 12, 1838, at the age of seventy-seven. The paternal grandmother was "Knickerbocker" Dutch.

Shepherd Johnston, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in New York City September 28, 1797, and was for many years a well-known educator in his native place. His wife was Jane Sherwood, also a native of New York,

born September 28, 1807. Her parents were natives of Connecticut, and were the descendants of generations of New England ancestors, one of whom was a minute-man in the Revolution. Her death occurred on the 27th of December, 1846, at Big Rock, Illinois. Shepherd and Jane Johnston had a family of nine children, and eight of these grew to mature age. The subject of this biography, who was born on the 18th of September, 1823, laid the foundation of his education in the private school taught by his father. His precocity and the thoroughness of his education are vividly shown by the fact of his entering college at the almost unparalleled age of thirteen years. After spending two years at Columbia College,



New York, circumstances necessitated the abandonment of the further prosecution of his studies—except as a private and independent student—but in this latter capacity it can be no more truly said of any other man in the city of Chicago, that he was throughout his life a devoted, earnest and successful student, consecrating himself to the acquisition of knowledge for the purpose of making it most useful to those for whose interests he spent a lifetime of toil.

In 1839 the elder Johnston, tiring of the constraint of New York, came West by way of the Lakes to Detroit, and thence, in company with his eldest son, Shepherd, crossed Michigan on ponies to Chicago, which they found to be a muddy city of about four thousand inhabitants. Not liking Chicago, they pursued their way westward to Kane County, and there the father bought a thousand or more acres of land near Big Rock, to which he removed his family soon after. There he spent seven years, but, not being adapted either by education or taste to farm life, at the end of that period he returned to New York, where he died in 1853.

After a residence of five or six years on the farm, young Johnston tired of the monotony of rural life and settled in New York City, when twenty-one years of age, and obtained a position as teacher in the Institute for the Blind. He filled this position with that fidelity and ability which characterized his life work in any capacity in which he was called upon to act. On the 27th of July, 1849, at Whitlockville, Westchester County, New York, he married Mary Ann Wild, a native of Sheffield, England, a daughter of James and Mary Ann Outram (Hobson) Wild. Immediately after his marriage he came to Illinois, and tried farm life for a few months, but again returned to New York City in 1850. There for a year he was employed in the ticket office of the Hudson River Railroad. In 1851 he engaged in the retail grocery business in New York, in which he continued for seven years. In the fall of 1859 he again removed to Illinois, locating at Aurora, and in the following year settled in Chicago, where he resided until the time of his death. In

February of the same year he began work as clerk in the office of the Board of Education, and remained there continuously until his life work was finished. He saw the public-school system grow from comparatively insignificant proportions to the wonderful educational power which it is at the present time. When he began work in the office of the Board the population of the city was one hundred and ten thousand, and the number of teachers was one hundred and twenty-three. Now the total enrollment of pupils is one hundred and fifty thousand, and the number of teachers in the public schools is three thousand two hundred and twenty-eight, and the amount required to pay this vast army is two and one-half millions of dollars.

Mr. Johnston died at his home on the 3rd of October, 1894, leaving a widow and one daughter, the latter, Laura Ann, being now the wife of John M. Stanley, of Chicago. His only son, Charles Sherwood Johnston, died in 1889, at the age of thirty-nine.

Not only as a worker in the field of education, but also as a zealous laborer in the cause of religion, was Mr. Johnston known. For nearly a score of years he was a member of the Episcopal Church, in which he held the office of vestryman. He also took a deep interest in the affairs of the Sunday-school, of which he was Superintendent. He was a devoted student of the Bible, to the study of which he gave many hours of his crowded life. As might be expected of a man of his intelligence, taking the interest he did in public affairs, a knowledge of and an interest in politics were not overlooked. He was a member of the Republican party, whose great underlying principles he fully understood, endorsed and supported. But he was far above the petty broils of partisan strife, and contented himself with working for those higher principles and ends which interest the thinker and philosopher.

A fitting summary of the life and works of Mr. Johnston can be no more aptly expressed than is done in the following eloquent tribute paid to his memory by the members of the Board of Education, taken from the records of said body:



"At a special meeting of the Board of Education of Chicago, held October 5, 1894, the following memorial was unanimously adopted:

"The Board of Education of the City of Chicago learns with the most profound sorrow of the death of their scholarly, faithful and most tireless Secretary, Shepherd Johnston, after a continuous service of thirty-four years of unparalleled devotion to the educational interests of this great metropolis.

"He had reached the limit of years allotted to man. He closed his books at the office, went to his quiet home, retired to sleep, and awoke no more to consciousness here. The book of his life was gently closed, and he was transferred to the unknown realm which is beyond our mortal sight.

"Mr. Johnston possessed those habits of mind and character which made him eminently fitted for the responsible duties of the office which he held so long and filled so efficiently. His early training and experience as a teacher made him acquainted with the details of educational work,

and gave him a familiarity with the school system of the country, as shown in the financial and statistical reports which were published annually. As his labors multiplied, his ability to cope with them multiplied in like ratio. There was no detail of his office with which he was not familiar. He was a well of information, imparting courteously to all who desired to know aught of the historical progress of the city for nearly two score of years. In the varied and perplexing duties of his office, he won the confidence and esteem of the members of the Board of Education, the Superintendents, his associates in the office, the teachers and citizens of Chicago. The members of the Board of Education take this method of expressing their appreciation of his valuable services and their high regard for his life and character.

"THEREFORE, Be it resolved, that this memorial be entered upon the records of this Board, and that a copy be suitably engrossed and presented to the family.' "

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## JULIAN S. RUMSEY.

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JULIAN S. RUMSEY, a very early resident of Chicago and one of the founders of its Board of Trade, was born in Batavia, Genesee County, New York, on the 3d day of April, 1823. His parents were Levi Rumsey, of Fairfield, Connecticut, and Julia F. Dole, of Troy, New York. The line of descent is traced from Robert Rumsie, who is supposed to have been of Welsh ancestry, and who settled at Fairfield, Connecticut, before 1660. His name appears in the town records under date of January 23, 1664, the earliest entry in said records bearing date of January 12, 1649, which must have been about the time of the first settlement there. The will of Robert Rumsey appears in the same record,

under date of November 28, 1710, in which he bequeaths to his widow and children a large amount of land and personal property, his interest in commonage and his negro man, Jack. The early residents of New England had to contend with conditions differing widely from those surrounding pioneers of the present day, and few can realize the energy and perseverance required to make a home in the wilderness. Only those of strong body and mind could survive the rigorous climate and overcome the obstacles to human progress. Among the present generation, only those who have made a study of the subject can realize, in a faint degree even, what were their surroundings, ideas and character.

Levi Rumsey was one of the first graduates of Williams College, at Williamstown, Massachusetts (in 1800), and settled at Batavia in 1822, becoming one of the foremost attorneys of western New York and serving as District Attorney of Genesee County. He died there in 1834. At the solicitation of her brother, George W. Dole, already a resident of Chicago, the widow decided to move to the new and growing city with her younger son (the subject of this biography) and two daughters, in the spring of 1835, but death interposed and removed the mother before this purpose could be consummated. With an aunt, Mrs. Coffin, and her husband and Miss Townsend (who afterward became Mrs. Dole), Julian Sidney Rumsey and his two younger sisters came to Chicago, arriving on the steamer "Michigan" July 28, 1835. This vessel was owned by Mr. Dole's partner, Oliver Newberry, of Detroit, and was by far the finest vessel then on the Lakes. The trip was made from Buffalo to Chicago, with a stop at Green Bay, in a little over eight days. Among the passengers were George Smith, who afterward became a wealthy banker of the city; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kinzie and a young infant, and Miss Williams, who became the wife of Mark Skinner, one of the judges of Chicago in later life.

Young Rumsey had attended a private school in Batavia taught by Rev. John F. Earnst, a widely-known educator of that place and Buffalo, and after his arrival here he had the benefit of such schools as the new town afforded for a few months. He soon took employment in the shipping house of Newberry & Dole, where his elder brother, George F. Rumsey, was already established. This association made him acquainted with all the boats coming to Chicago and their officers. These included the bark "Detroit" and brig "Queen Charlotte," former British vessels, which had been sunk in the bay at Erie, Pennsylvania, by Commodore Perry in 1813, and subsequently raised and fitted for commerce.

In September, 1839, the Rumsey brothers, while still in the employ of Newberry & Dole, shipped the first cargo of grain ever sent out of Chicago, consisting of about 2,900 bushels of wheat, put on board the brig "Osceola" for Buffalo. This had

been taken from farmers' wagons and stored, awaiting an eastbound boat. In 1841 Capt. E. B. Ward brought eighty tons of bituminous coal to Chicago, which was probably the first here, and this was sold out by the Rumsey brothers in two years' time, thus indicating that the consumption was small in those days. The firm of Rumsey, Brother & Company ultimately succeeded Newberry & Dole, and became one of the heaviest grain shippers and dealers in the city.

Mr. Rumsey was one of the organizers of the Board of Trade early in 1848, and continued his membership with his life. During the early years of its existence, it was his custom, with others of the younger members, to visit business men in their offices and urge them to go "on 'Change," in order that it might be truthfully recorded that such a meeting had been held. He was elected President of the Board in 1858 and again in 1859, and in the latter year he drew and secured the passage of its charter and code of rules. He also secured, in the face of much opposition, the present system of grain inspection—Chicago being the first city to adopt the plan. During his administration, the current plan of obtaining and publishing statistics of trade was inaugurated, and the first annual report of the Board issued, and in the same period the membership doubled and the permanency of its existence was established.

Mr. Rumsey was one of the organizers of the Volunteer Fire Department in 1844, and at one time was Foreman of Engine Company Number Three, and did much to improve the old and organize new companies. In those days, many of what are now the most prominent and wealthy citizens regularly "ran with the boys." The venerable Stephen F. Gale was Chief Engineer and Mr. Rumsey Foreman in 1847, when the parade was made in honor of the famous River and Harbor Congress of that year. In his report to the New York *Tribune*, Horace Greeley said: "I never witnessed anything so superb as the appearance of some of the fire companies, with their engines drawn by led-horses, tastefully caparisoned. Our New York firemen must try again. They certainly have been outdone." Thurlow Weed wrote to his paper: "Let me here say that the



firemen's display in this infant city to-day excited universal admiration. I never saw anything got up in better taste. The companies were in neat uniforms. The machines were very tastefully decorated. There was also a miniature ship, manned and full-rigged; drawn by twelve horses, in the procession. While moving, the crew on board 'The Convention' made, shortened and took in sail repeatedly."

In early life Mr. Rumsey associated himself, as a political factor, with the Whig party, and joined its successor—the Republican—at its inception. He was often a delegate in the county and State conventions, and was a member of the State Central Committee of his party when Abraham Lincoln was first elected to the Presidency. He had the honor of entertaining Mr. Lincoln at his home in Chicago, was present at his inauguration, and was a member of the committee on which devolved the sad duty of receiving his remains when brought back to Chicago, preparatory to final interment at Springfield. In 1871 Mr. Rumsey was elected County Treasurer and Collector on the "Fire-proof" ticket, the result of a political compromise, and served two years in that responsible capacity.

Before the actual commencement of hostilities, in the War of the Rebellion, early in 1861, a Committee of Safety was organized in Chicago, and Mr. Rumsey was made a member of the sub-committee to carry out its objects. This involved the judicious expenditure of nearly fifty thousand dollars, and required the labor of its members for nearly two years, much of it of a secret character, and all of vast importance to the State and Nation. One of the first undertakings was the fitting out of an expedition to take possession of Cairo, and thus save Illinois to the Union. After four days and nights of arduous effort, a force of five hundred men was dispatched by the Illinois Central Railroad, and the plan successfully carried out. Mr. Rumsey never asked for office, but was elected Mayor of the city in the troublous days of 1861, and maintained the high financial standing of the municipality. During his term of service, the Government sent twelve thousand rebel prisoners here from Fort Donelson, without any warning or previous provision for their care. They were

quartered in the sheds of an old race track, afterwards known as Camp Douglas, until suitable barracks could be erected for their care and retention. Among them were about two hundred officers, most of whom possessed knives or pistols, and with the small police force and absence of firearms (caused by the drain in supplying Union troops), the city seemed entirely at the mercy of its unwilling guests. Through the vigilance of Mayor Rumsey, and his appeals to the Government, the danger was averted—the officers being removed elsewhere, and the privates speedily provided with suitable lodgings, and safeguards created for the city.

July 31, 1848, at Chicago, occurred the wedding of J. S. Rumsey and Miss Martha A. Turner. Mrs. Rumsey, who still survives her husband, is a daughter of John B. Turner, one of the most honored and worthy of Chicago's early citizens, whose biography will be found on another page of this work. This union resulted in eleven children, eight of whom were daughters. One of the latter died in infancy, and one after a short married life. Two daughters are married and reside in Massachusetts and New York, respectively, and the eldest son and two daughters, also married, reside in Chicago.

Mr. Rumsey passed away in Chicago April 20, 1886, aged sixty-three years. He was ever interested in the city and its welfare, and did much to place it in its present proud commercial position. He did not shirk any duty as a citizen, and left to his children an honored name. His recollections of early Chicago are very interesting, and extracts from his pen picture are here given:

"When the 'Michigan' arrived off Chicago in July of 1835, a dense fog covered the surface of the lake, and the town could not be easily located. After reaching the mouth of the Calumet River, the captain was set right by the direction of an Indian, and returned to the city. In the mean time the fog had lifted and when the boat came to anchor the fort and Government pier and lighthouse seemed the most prominent features. No entrance to the river existed for lake craft, and even the yawlboat which brought the passengers ashore grounded on the bar at the mouth of the



river, and a passage had to be carefully sounded before it could be brought in. The river was then but little more than half as wide as at present, and portions of its shores were occupied by wild rice, and near the mouth the abode of the muskrat was prominent. Fish and wild fowl were abundant. There was one 'gallows-frame' hoist bridge at Dearborn Street, crossing the river, one pontoon over the South Branch, between Lake and Randolph Streets, and another across the North Branch, just south of Kinzie Street. The Tremont House was then a yellow wooden building at the southeast corner of Lake and Dearborn Streets, kept by Star Foot.

"The population was about twenty-three hundred, divided in something like this proportion: Eight hundred on the North Side, twelve hundred on the South Side, and three hundred on the West Side. The Postoffice was located in the angle at the intersection of Lake and South Water Streets. There were no sidewalks or improved streets, and cattle, pigs and wolfish dogs occupied

the thoroughfares at will, and sometimes at night wolves came into the settlement. Street lights were unknown, as were sewers, cellars or water service, and there were very few brick buildings. The people came from all parts of the world and included many half-breeds, and all were exceedingly democratic in habit. It was no uncommon thing for ladies to employ a dump-cart, upholstered with hay or buffalo robes, as a means of transportation when making social excursions. There was still a garrison at the fort, and on two subsequent occasions Indians to the number of thirty-five hundred and five thousand, from the Pottawatamie, Winnebago and Sacs and Foxes tribes came here to receive pay for their lands from the Government. During the summer of 1835, the 'Michigan' made four trips between Chicago and Buffalo, and one or two other vessels visited the port. While anchored in the bay off Milwaukee, on her first trip, only one house was discerned at that point, though the weather was clear."

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## ANDREW ORTMAYER.

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**A**NDREW ORTMAYER, who was for nearly half-a century a resident of Chicago, was numbered among the most substantial and well-known citizens of German birth. He was born in Bartenstein, Wurtemberg, Germany, on the first day of May, 1826. His father, Joseph Ortmayer, was a native of Neuoeetting, Bavaria, and his mother, Margaret Uhlman, was born in the same village as her son, where her ancestors had for several generations carried on the saddlery business. Joseph Ortmayer was also a saddler, and when the son had completed the prescribed German term of school, ending at the age of fourteen years, he entered the shop and was able—through being the son of a master—to become

a journeyman at the age of sixteen. He first sought employment in his father's native city, where he remained one year, and was afterwards employed in Saalzburg and other Austrian cities.

By the time he had attained his majority, he determined to follow the sun towards that land of promise, the United States, as he saw little opportunity for a mechanic to better his condition in Europe. His was the same spirit which not only led to the discovery of the Western continent, but to the development of its resources, east and west. Being in London, England, in the spring of 1849, he took passage in March of that year on board the sailing-vessel "Apeona" for New York, where he arrived on the fourth day of

July, the voyage consuming nearly four months. He proceeded directly to Buffalo, New York, where he was able to maintain himself at his trade until the following spring.

Again moved by the spirit of enterprise, he took the first steamer which left the port of Buffalo for the upper lakes in the spring of 1850, and landed in Detroit on the 30th of March, after a two days' voyage. Thence, he proceeded directly by rail to Chicago, arriving on the last day of the month.

His first employment in this city was with J. O. Humphrey, the first carriage manufacturer in Chicago, by whom he was engaged as a carriage trimmer. This continued until Mr. Humphrey went out of business two and one-half years later, when Mr. Ortmyer rented a room in the now idle factory and engaged in trimming carriages on his own account. He had by this time formed business acquaintances and established a reputation for honest and faithful work, and did a fairly prosperous business. At the end of six months, he established a shop on Franklin Street, and in the fall of 1854 he opened a harness shop on Randolph Street, between Canal and Clinton Streets. Though his work as a carriage trimmer had proved satisfactory to his patrons, it did not satisfy himself, on account of the unsteadiness of the demand, and he found business much more remunerative in the harness and saddlery line.

In 1863, he began the wholesale trade at No. 42 Lake Street, in partnership with William V. Kay and William H. Turner, under the style of A. Ortmyer & Company. For a quarter of a century, beginning with 1866, the business was located at Nos. 16 to 22 State Street. Messrs. Turner and Kay successively retired from the firm, and after the great fire of 1871, it was known as Ortmyer, Lewis & Company, until it became A. Ortmyer & Son in 1882. In 1891, the firm purchased of the Farwell estate the building now occupied, on Illinois Street, between La Salle Avenue and Wells Street, to which two stories were added, and the building was fitted for the extensive manufacture of harness and saddlery ware now carried on there.

Mr. Ortmyer was married at Buffalo, New

York, in the spring of 1850, to Miss Marie Cherbon, who was born in the same place as himself, and is descended from French ancestors, her grandfather having moved from France to Germany. In 1876, he built a pleasant mansion at No. 496 Dearborn Avenue, where dwells a united and happy family. Mr. Ortmyer was also possessed of other improved real estate, which was secured through his own industry and prudent management. Having made his way from humble beginnings, he was in sympathy with all honest efforts for success, and held out encouragement not only by word but by his own example, which any American youth may well emulate. The same steadfast and persistent effort which characterized his career in life is sure to bring prosperity to any one. He never spent time or money in the follies which are all too prevalent among young men of the present day, but resolved on a course of industry and thrift, and adhered to his plans through "good" and "bad times."

Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ortmyer, three died in early childhood. The eldest of the others, Annie, died while the wife of Albert Kuhlmay. Carl G. is manager of the business of A. Ortmyer & Son. Carrie is now the wife of Albert Kuhlmay, and Emma is Mrs. Theophile Pfister, all of Chicago.

Though always a busy man, until failing health compelled him to abandon his activities three years ago, Mr. Ortmyer found time to cultivate pleasant social relations, and was always deservedly popular among his fellow-citizens. He was for many years an active member of the Germania Club, and held membership in Accordia Lodge, No. 277, of the Masonic order. He cherished liberal religious views, and always adhered to Republican principles in politics. He was never ambitious to hold public office, but always strove to fulfill the duties of a good American citizen, and with eminent success. He died on Sunday, February 3, 1895, having succumbed to an acute attack of bronchitis, which, combined with other difficulties, burst the bonds of life.

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*Joel Ellis*

## JOEL ELLIS.

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JOEL ELLIS, for nearly fifty years an active citizen and useful business man of Chicago, was descended from the old Puritan stock which has done so much in developing the mental, moral and material interests of the United States. The energy, fortitude and stern moral character which characterized the founders of the New England colonies is still observed in many of their descendants, and these attributes were possessed by Joel Ellis in a marked degree.

His first ancestor of whom any record is now to be found was Barzillai Ellis, born June 9, 1747, presumably in Massachusetts, and of English blood. March 6, 1773, he married Sarah Tobey, who was born June 5, 1755, no doubt in the same state and of similiar ancestry. They resided in Conway, Franklin County, Massachusetts, whence they moved, about the close of the last century, to Chautauqua County, New York. Here Barzillai Ellis died in 1827. His youngest son, Samuel Ellis, died in Chicago in 1853. The other children were Barzillai, Asa, Freeman, Benjamin, Joel and Elnathan.

The children of Benjamin Ellis were Parmelia, Eleanor, Jane, Stephen, Mason, Datus, Joel (the subject of this sketch) and Ensign. His wife was Sophia Birch, a native of Connecticut. Benjamin Ellis died in Fredonia, New York, in the year 1855. He was a farmer, and cleared up land in the primeval forest, which consumed the best years of his life and required the assistance of his children, who had little opportunity to attend school.

Joel Ellis was born in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York, May 25, 1818. As above

indicated, his early years were devoted to the toil which usually befell farmers' sons in those days, and he attended school but very little. Schools were far apart and held sessions of only three months per year, in winter, when attendance on the part of many children was almost impossible. However, Joel Ellis was blessed by nature with a sound mind and body, and his clear judgment and active industry made him a successful business man and good citizen.

When, in 1838, he set out for the West, whither an uncle (Samuel Ellis, before mentioned) had preceded him, he was an energetic and self-reliant young man of twenty years, full of courage and hopefulness and the ardor and ambition of a strong nature. Arriving in the autumn, he found the young city of Chicago suffering from the commercial and industrial stagnation which followed the financial panic of 1837, and his search for employment was a vain one. The only offer which he received was from his uncle, who was engaged in farming some miles from the then city, but on ground now built up with thousands of the finest homes in Chicago, along Ellis, Greenwood and other avenues of the South Side. He continued in farm labor with his uncle for two years, much of which time was occupied in chopping wood from the timber which then covered this region, and which must be cleared away to make room for a tillable farm.

From 1840 to 1858 he was associated with Archibald Clybourn, an active business man of Chicago, and became thoroughly conversant with the meat business, which was one of Mr. Clybourn's chief enterprises. It was at the house of

Mr. Clybourn that he met the lady who became his wife in 1844. This was Miss Susan Galloway, a sister of Mrs. Clybourn and daughter of James and Sally (McClenthan) Galloway, of Pennsylvania birth and Scotch ancestry. Her grandfather, Samuel Galloway, was a native of Scotland, whose wife was of Pennsylvania-German descent. They were among the earliest settlers on the Susquehanna River, and Samuel Galloway was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army. Mrs. Ellis was taken by her parents, when a small child, to Sandusky, Ohio, and thence the family came to Chicago, arriving on the 9th of November, 1826. They left Sandusky on the 1st of October, in a sailing-vessel, and were wrecked south of Mackinaw, but were rescued by another vessel, which brought them to Chicago.

James Galloway had visited Illinois in the fall of 1824, and was very much charmed with the country about the Grand Rapids of the Illinois River (now known as Marseilles), where he bought a claim. He spent the winter of 1826-27 in Chicago, with his family, and settled on this claim in the following spring, and continued to reside there the balance of his life. His wife died in 1830, and he subsequently married Matilda Stipes, of Virginia. In character Mr. Galloway was a fit representative of his sturdy Scotch ancestry, and was well fitted for pioneering in those early days, when means of travel and communication were difficult, and the dwellers in the wilderness were compelled to forego many comforts and social advantages, besides braving the enmity of their savage neighbors.

Of the five children of James and Sally Galloway, Mrs. Clybourn is the eldest. The second, Jane, wife of Washington Holloway, died in 1894. John died in Missouri; Susan is Mrs. Ellis; George, born April 12, 1828, at Marseilles, is now deceased. Of the second marriage, Archibald and Marshall are the only surviving offspring. The former now shares a part of the original farm at Marseilles with George's widow. The latter resides in Chicago.

On leaving the employ of Mr. Clybourn, Mr. Ellis engaged in the retail meat business on his own account, and furnished supplies to many of

the leading hotels and to vessels entering Chicago Harbor. In 1865 he formed a partnership with Thomas Armour and began an extensive wholesale business in meats and provisions, which grew beyond his fondest dreams of success. In fifteen years he amassed a comfortable fortune, which was largely invested in improved real estate in the city. As the care of his property absorbed much of his time, he decided to retire from active business, and, in the spring of 1871, he purchased twenty acres in the town of Jefferson (now a part of the city of Chicago), on which he built a handsome suburban home, in which he hoped to pass the balance of his days in well-earned rest from the arduous labors which had occupied his earlier years. Scarcely was he settled in his new home when the great fire of October, 1871, robbed him of all his buildings save the home at Jefferson, just completed. Without any repining, he set to work at once to repair the losses. It was his custom to rise at two o'clock in the morning and drive into the city to begin business. There were no rapid-transit systems then to move suburban residents quickly from and to their homes, and he took means which would appall any but such stout natures as his to rebuild his fortunes. In this he was moderately successful, and when a cancer caused his death at his home in Jefferson, October 29, 1886, he left his family comfortably provided for.

A quiet, unassuming man, he gave little attention to public affairs, though he took the interest in local and national progress which every true American must feel, and discharged his duty as it appeared to him by supporting the Republican party after it came into existence, having formerly affiliated with the Whigs. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and was an active supporter of the Universalist Church, being among the organizers of St. Paul's congregation, whose pastor, Rev. W. E. Manly, performed the ceremony which made him the head of a family. Besides his widow, he left three children, namely: Lucretia, the widow of George W. Pinney, residing in Chicago; Winfield, of Highland Park, Illinois; and Mary Josephine, Mrs. Algernon S. Osgood, of Chicago.



## FRANK SPAMER.

**F**RANK SPAMER, who is a highly respected citizen of Chicago, comes of a race of sturdy men, of a nation recognized as possessing great stability and perseverance, which qualities help to make up a strong character. Born February 22, 1826, Mr. Spamer is a son of George Theodore and Dorothea (Gaebel) Spamer, who resided in the city of Schatten, Darmstadt, Germany, at the time of the birth of their son Frank.

Mr. Spamer landed in New York October 6, 1857, after a tiresome journey, with a brave heart and a determination to succeed. He had learned the trade of cabinet-maker, having served three years as apprentice after reaching his fourteenth year. He was occupied at that trade until he came to America, with the exception of two years and two months, parts of 1848, 1849 and 1850, when he was in the German army. With his wife and three children Mr. Spamer arrived in America and remained in New York, after which he removed to Beverly, Massachusetts. One year subsequently he went to Boston, Massachusetts, and resided a short time in Cambridge.

He was in Boston at the time the Civil War broke out and enlisted June 13, 1861, in Company C, Eleventh Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, thus proving his loyalty to his adopted country. He was wounded in the right side at the first battle of Bull Run, the injury being slight. He was a prisoner of the South ten months and ten days, and was in Richmond, Virginia, from July 21, 1861, until December,

and was then sent to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, from which point he was taken to Wilmington, North Carolina, to be exchanged. He was sent to Salisbury, North Carolina, however, some hitch occurring in the proceedings. He was exchanged at Salisbury. His enlistment being for three months only, he was discharged after his exchange. He was stricken with scurvy during his service and was very sick for a time.

On his withdrawal from the service of the Government Mr. Spamer traveled as helper in the service of the Artist Glass Company, traversing much of the country. He continued with that concern until he came to Chicago in July, 1865, and then occupied himself at his trade. He entered the service of Herrman & Rigger, located on Division Street, remaining thus occupied two years. He later became an employe of Adolph Seller, located at the corner of Washington and Canal Streets, assisting in the manufacture of billiard and pool tables. He remained in this employ until the concern passed into the hands of the Brunswick-Balke Company, when he became collector for the last-mentioned firm. He left this service to establish a catering business of his own, starting in 1884 at the corner of North Avenue and Halsted Street.

After two months he sold the business to Philip Karpan and occupied himself at his trade for a time. He subsequently started a boarding house on North Avenue. He sold out after one year and started again at No. 264 Larrabee Street,

which he continued two years. He has worked at his trade since that time, two years being employed by the city. He manufactures a compound called celery extract and also celery salt.

Mr. Spamer was married, November 14, 1852, to Miss Eliza Margaret Schmidt, daughter of Johann George and Katharine (Hoffman) Schmidt. Mrs. Spamer was born February 2, 1827, in Germany, and is a pleasant and refined woman, a helpmate in every sense and a worthy character. Mrs. Spamer's grandfather was John Adam Schmidt, whose wife was Elizabeth Rockmir. Her paternal grandfather was John Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Spamer became the parents of

five children, of whom mention is here made in brief: Caroline was born May 6, 1851, married Conrad Limn, a carpenter, and resides at Hinckley, De Kalb County, Illinois; their children were named: Henry (deceased), Fritz and Mary. George Frederick, the second of the children of Frank Spamer, died at the age of seven weeks. Katharine was born May 23, 1854, and died July 1, 1892; she married Herman Arnold and resided in Chicago. She left the following children to mourn her loss: Charles, John, Ida and Herman. Theodore, born January 9, 1857, died at the age of four years. Frank, born after the family reached America, is the subject of another article in this work.

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## PIERRE E. HUGUELET.

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**P**IERRE EMANUEL HUGUELET, a respected and worthy citizen of Chicago, has been identified with the interests of the city for many years, and is loyal to his adopted country. He was born December 5, 1842, in Canton Berne, Switzerland. For further mention of ancestry refer to biography of Louis Huguelet, on another page of this work.

At the age of twenty-two years he entered the employ of George Metz, a hardware merchant, and was occupied as a laborer one year. He then entered the employ of George Sands, who conducted a brewery, with whom he continued two years. After one year in the service of the McCormick Reaper Works he entered the employ of John Waldo, with whom he remained the same length of time. During the next year he was in the sash and door factory of S. D. Russell. For a time he did teaming with his own horses, and again entered a sash and door factory, operated by C. J. L. Meyer.

The fact that he was in the service of the last

named employer eighteen years goes to prove that he is possessed of integrity and strength of character. For three years he has been occupied in teaming, in the interests of Lawrence Huck, located at No. 62 Crosby Street. He is a valued and honored employe, and is respected by all who come in contact with his genial nature.

Mr. Huguelet was married to Miss Amala Laura, daughter of Gottfried and Christine (Meyer) Seidenschwanz. She was born September 29, 1839, in Saxony, Germany, and is a congenial and helpful life companion and a comfort to her husband. With her parents and nine other children, she arrived in Chicago September 1, 1847. They had landed in Quebec and traveled from there to Buffalo, and by steamer "Niagara" to Chicago. They spent forty-two days in a sailing vessel on the ocean. The father and four children died two months after their arrival in America. The children who died were named: Herman, Carl, William and Godfrey.

Mrs. Seidenschwanz kept the family together



and purchased a land claim from Mr. Bright. She paid seventy dollars for the claim, and the house where Mr. Huguelet now lives stands on the ground. The old house was burned in the fire of 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Seidenschwanz were the parents of ten children, of whom the following brief mention is made:

Christoph, born March 29, 1828, married Dorothy Rehm, December 12, 1854, and resides at No. 267 Rush Street. Augusta married Christian Haas, who came to America in 1852. His children are three in number, as follows: Frederick, who keeps a meat market at the corner of Oakley Avenue and Thirty-third Street; Emma, wife of Edward Harsh, living at the corner of Thirty-third and Leavitt Streets; and Christian T., the youngest, residing with the man whose name heads this article. Minnie, the next in order of birth, married Tobias Almendinger (now deceased), and resides on Wilton Avenue, near Waveland Avenue. Amala is Mrs. Huguelet. Emma married Benjamin Slater, who is retired,

and resides at No. 22 Chestnut Place. Frederick resides at No. 23 Chestnut Place.

Mrs. Huguelet's paternal grandfather had three children: Gottfried, Christoph and Gottlieb. Her maternal grandfather, George Andrew Meyer, married Christina Miller, and their children were named Christina and Andrew. They had a farm in Germany. The children of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Huguelet were seven in number: Amala W. S. was the oldest. Augusta died at the age of six months. Edward Jule Eugene was the next in order of birth. Maud Augusta died at the age of five and one-half years. Frances Elizabeth died when ten years of age. Emily Christina married Frederick Seidenschwanz, junior, and her husband being now deceased, she is living with her parents. Minnie Julia is the youngest.

The house Mr. Huguelet resides in was erected by Henry Fuller in 1872, and he has occupied it with his family since 1874. He is loyal to the Republican party, and his influence is used for the right in all instances.

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## ADAM BOETTIGER.

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**A**DAM BOETTIGER, who is living in retirement, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, November 12, 1829. He was educated in the parish school until fourteen years old, and was then confirmed in the Lutheran Church. He then served an apprenticeship of three years at the trade of stone and brick mason, at which he worked until he immigrated. In June, 1854, he went down the River Rhine to Rotterdam, and then to Havre, when he took passage on a sailing ship that carried over five hundred passengers.

The ocean voyage of forty-six days was a very unpleasant one and fraught with many trying

and sad incidents. The cholera broke out on board ship, and one hundred and sixty-eight people died and were buried in the sea. After this the black small-pox broke out just before coming in sight of New York.

After arrival in New York Mr. Boettiger came directly to Chicago. Three days after he arrived in the city he entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, as a mason, to assist in building the freight depot. He was occupied at his trade, as foreman in the service of other men, until 1873, with the exception of one year, when he was a contractor, in company with Charles Meister. In 1873 he was appointed by



the commissioner of public works of Chicago to the position of building inspector. As this was shortly after the fire of 1871, he had very much work to do. He superintended the erection of the Halsted Street viaduct, the Lake Street bridge and the Harrison Street police station, in 1873, and served as local inspector of buildings and street improvements under Mayors Heath and Colvin.

Mr. Boettiger held this position until 1880, when he was appointed chief inspector, by Mayor Harrison. He served during that gentleman's administration, the full term under DeWitt C. Cregier and a part of the time under the administration of Mayor Washburne. He held this position until the 21st of February, 1894, having faithfully served the city's interests for a period of eighteen years, after which he retired from active business life.

Mr. Boettiger has always taken a lively interest in the affairs of the city and was active in the support of the Democratic party, although

for a time after becoming a citizen he supported the Republican party. He keeps himself well informed on the questions of the day. He is a member of Goethe Lodge No. 329, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Humboldt Encampment No. 101, of the same order.

Mr. Boettiger was married February 22, 1857, to Miss Louise Voss, who proved to be all that a man could desire, to lighten his burden of hardships and responsibility. Mrs. Boettiger was born in Braunschweig, Germany, came to Chicago in 1855, and died February 27, 1895. She had five children, only three of whom are living at the present writing, namely: William, who is in the employ of Marshall Field & Company, and resides at Hinsdale; Louise, at home; and Adam, who is employed in the Union Trust Company's Bank. The members of the family are connected with St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and are highly respected in the community where they dwell, in harmony with each other and the world in general.

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## LOUIS HANSON.

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**L**OUIS HANSON, a well-known manufacturer and business man of Chicago, was born in Denmark September 16, 1843. He remained in that country until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he resolved to seek his fortune in the United States, and accordingly crossed the Atlantic to Portland, Maine. He spent one year in that city, finding employment in a picture frame factory, and receiving one dollar per day for his labor. In 1866 he removed to Boston, where he secured similar employment. Hearing of greater advantages for ambitious young men farther west, he came to Chicago in 1867 and at once secured work. He proved to be industrious, and continued

working in various factories, carefully saving all he could, and learning as much as possible of the business ways of the country.

In 1871 he resolved to start in business for himself, and, with this in view, formed a partnership with David Goodwillie. The firm began the manufacture of picture frames, and a year later Mr. Goodwillie's sons took his place in the firm, this partnership continuing until 1874. In that year Mr. Hanson and nine others bought out the Goodwillies for \$3,400, and remained in the business until 1877, when the subject of this notice was able to buy out his partners and take entire control. Thus, by diligent attention to his work, he became owner of a growing business,

which, under his careful personal management, has increased to a wonderful extent. Having begun at the bottom round of the ladder, he is familiar with every detail of his establishment, and is thus able to give instruction and advice wherever needed. Several departments have been added to his factory and he now manufactures various articles, besides mirror and picture frames and mouldings. Some of the largest barber shops in both East and West have been fitted up with furniture manufactured by Mr. Hanson. In October, 1898, he made and shipped a large barbers' case to Johannesburg, Africa. In his business career, Mr. Hanson has not been without his discouragements. In 1880 his entire plant was burned, including tools and machinery. His courage did not abate, however, and within three days he bought an entire plant and continued his business at No. 151 Washington Street. In 1883 he had so far recovered his loss that he was able to build his present large and commodious plant at Nos. 136 and 138 North Curtis Street. This building is one hundred thirty feet by sixty feet in dimensions, and in it are employed about ninety hands. In the year 1892

they received the sum of \$40,000 in wages. The product of this factory is well known all over the country, and is sold from Maine to California.

In May, 1870, Mr. Hanson was married to Miss Caroline Nortensen. Six children have been born of this marriage, all of whom are living at home and all were born in Chicago. Their names in order of birth are: Maria, Martin, Lizzie, John, Rosa and Louis. They have received the best of educational advantages and have all been carefully reared. Their home is a fine residence at No. 668 North Hoyne Avenue. This house was first built in 1879, but was rebuilt in 1891.

The subject of this sketch may well be proud of his business career, having advanced by his own efforts from poverty to independence and wealth. He recognizes the broadening influence of travel, and has visited many scenes of interest both East and West. He has supported the Republican ticket for many years, and voted both times for General Grant, of whom he was a great admirer. He is a member of the National Union and of the Dania Society.

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## FRANK V. HOFMANN.

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**F**RANK VALENTINE HOFMANN, a popular citizen of the village of Lyons, was born in Chicago, June 11, 1866, a son of Valentine and Barbara (Veit) Hofmann, both natives of Germany, the former of Hessen-Darmstadt and the latter of Baden. Frank V. Hofmann's paternal great-grandfather, George Hofmann, a tanner by trade, died at the age of one hundred and thirteen years. His son, Alois Hofmann, came to America in 1846, with his family, and located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1849 he removed to Sharpsburg, the same

State, and a suburb of Pittsburgh. Here he owned and operated farm lands and was extensively engaged in the cooperage business, manufacturing staves and nail kegs. He was also a talented musician of his day, and died at the age of eighty-seven years.

Alois Hofmann was twice married. His first wife was Anna Mary Wilhelm, grandmother of the man whose name heads this article, and his second was Frances Yaeger. Valentine Hofmann was born March 15, 1831, and came to America with his parents in 1846. While em-



ployed in the factory of his father, his right hand was severed by a buzz saw. In 1855 he arrived at Chicago, without one cent to his name, but soon became associated with his brother in the hotel business, with a dairy attached. During the gold excitement at Pike's Peak, he traveled overland with team and wagon to the gold fields. He was away from home about one year and paid his expenses back by playing the violin for money.

In the early part of the sixth decade of the present century he embarked in the meat business, at the corner of Throop and Madison Streets, Chicago, and from there removed to Twelfth Street and Western Avenue, near the Stock Yards, where he had one of the largest slaughter houses in the city at that time. He slaughtered cattle by the carload, for the trade and for himself. In July, 1870, he located in Lyons, where he engaged in the meat and hotel business, conducting the market for a very short time, however, and later giving his whole attention to the hotel, which he successfully conducted until his death, in March, 1882. He was six years at the corner of Joliet and Ogden Avenues, and the same length of time on the property on the latter avenue, now conducted by his sons, Frank and John, which he purchased in 1876. After his death his widow and son continued the business four years and rented it for twelve years. Since March, 1898, the sons, Frank and John, have taken it in charge.

Valentine Hofmann was married February 14,

1862, to Barbara, daughter of John and Mary (Ehrhart) Veit, of Baden, Germany, who came to the United States in 1852, and located in Chicago. John Veit was a weaver by trade, but on coming to Chicago, engaged in gardening and also carried on a dairy. The issue of this union was seven children: Katharine (Mrs. John Leach), Frank V., John A., William, Elizabeth, Margaret and Mary. Mr. Hofmann died of pneumonia, March 8, 1882, at the age of fifty-one years. He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Lyons, a strict disciplinarian—progressive, and an advocate of the public school system.

Frank Valentine Hofmann was reared in Lyons, from the time he reached the age of four years. He was educated in the public schools and served a three-years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, which he followed twelve years, principally as a contractor. March 1, 1898, with his brother, he became proprietor of the famous summer resort now known as Hofmann Brothers Park, to which is added a cafe and restaurant. They have made it one of the most popular resorts in the suburbs of Chicago, for recreation and for parties, both public and private.

Mr. Hofmann is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He is serving his fifth year and third term as Village Trustee, and is among the popular and progressive young business men of Lyons. As to politics he is a Democrat, staunch and true to his party, and arguing in favor of it at all opportunities.

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## THORE TOLLAKSON.

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**T**HORE TOLLAKSON, deceased, was one of the worthy sons of Norway who have assisted in the building up of the great city of Chicago. He was born April 24, 1845, in Rose-

land, Flekkefiord, on the rugged coast of Norway, where he spent the first sixteen years of his life. He then removed to the great seaport town of Stavanger, and served an apprenticeship with



a cabinet-maker. In 1872 he resolved to try his fortune in the New World, where many of his countrymen had found comfortable homes, and with this in view he made his way to the great western metropolis, Chicago, arriving there May 16. He soon found a demand for his services, and began working in a shop at piece work.

Soon after he concluded that he would begin business for himself, where he would receive the entire benefit of his efforts, and formed a partnership with a man named Oleson, for the manufacture of furniture. Their machinery was first run by a windmill. This partnership was soon dissolved and a new firm was formed, consisting of Mr. Tollakson and Mr. Thorsen. They began their business in Canal Street, but subsequently removed to a building at the corner of Lincoln and Kinzie Streets. This was the same building in which Mr. Tollakson worked when he first arrived in Chicago. The business grew rapidly until 1882, when they built a factory on Armour Street, between Austin and Grand Avenues. About a year and one-half later they admitted to the firm Nels Arnesen, and the concern was incorporated as the Central Manufacturing Company. Mr. Thorsen was president during the first year, but from that time until his death Mr. Tollakson filled that office.

Coming to this country a poor man, but with

abundant courage and strong determination to succeed, the subject of this notice rose above obstacles and secured for himself and his family a competence. Among his business associates he was greatly respected and his honesty and integrity were well known. He invested quite extensively in real estate, possessing a number of lots and other valuable property. Politically he was a supporter of the men and issues of the Republican party, but never sought political favor at the hands of his fellow-citizens. He was a genial companion and was a popular member of the Columbia Yacht Club. He died on the 2d of April, 1898, and was mourned as a loving husband and father and as a kind neighbor and friend.

October 27, 1881, Mr. Tollakson was married to Miss Annie Wang, who was born in Norway February 10, 1856. She came to America with her parents when but six months old, and the family settled at Woodstock, Illinois, where the father died. Mrs. Tollakson came to Chicago with her mother, at the age of twelve years, and completed her education in the schools of that city. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tollakson, as follows: Mabel C.; Theodore Irving, who died at the age of seven months; Susanna, who died at the age of five days; Florence T. and Pearl C.

## MICHAEL SCHIESS.

**M**ICHAEL SCHIESS is a highly respected old settler of Chicago. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, January 19, 1834, a son of John and Dorothy Schiess, both of whom passed away in his native land, where they spent their entire lives. Of the ten children born to this couple, the six following became residents of the United States.

Katharine, now Mrs. Hettinger, lives in Ohio; Michael is next in order of birth; Christina Spate, deceased; Margaret, deceased; Paulina, widow of Mr. Heber, of Chicago; and John, of Dakota. Michael was the first to emigrate. He was educated in parish schools until he was fourteen years of age, and after being confirmed, went to learn the trade of a baker.

He came to America in 1851, landing in New York April 14. Three days later he went to Buffalo, New York, where he spent about a year, and subsequently came to Chicago. He at once began learning the trade of carpenter and continued to work at this until 1857, when times became so hard that work in his line could not be obtained. He then decided to engage in any work he could obtain, and for a few years rented land on Grand and North Avenues and made hay for a livelihood. He was industrious and economical, and saved enough of his earnings to invest in a lot on the corner of Center and West Chicago Avenues, and later purchased another piece of property.

This investment was profitable and he still owns the property and has resided on this place since 1857. During his long residence in the city he has been variously employed, part of the time as laborer and at teaming. Mr. Schiess has never taken an active interest in political affairs and never aspired to public office of any kind.

He was very fortunate in securing an amiable life companion in the person of Mary, daughter of John and Katharine Ueble, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, whom he married July 8, 1855. Mrs. Schiess' father came to Chicago in 1852, the mother following in 1854, with the six children, arriving August 15. The father died of cholera October 6 of that year, and the mother survived until February 10, 1884, being seventy-six years and six days old at the time of her death.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ueble are: John, deceased; Mrs. Schiess; Barbara; Anna, widow of Victor Walter; Katharine, wife of August Dorrington, of No. 896 West Monroe Street; and Conrad, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Schiess have four children, namely: Anna, wife of Albert Ohlendorf, of Chicago; John, a clothier; Edward; and Mary, wife of Dr. A. R. Martin, of No. 732 Hoyne Avenue. The family is connected with St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and each one is influential in promoting all measures for the good of mankind.

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## JAMES THORSEN.

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JAMES THORSEN, deceased, was among the earliest citizens of Danish birth to make his home in Chicago. He was born May 22, 1825, in Schlesin, Holstein, Denmark, now a part of Germany, the only son in a family of three children. He was educated in the schools of his native city and in his youth spent some time in the Danish navy. At the age of nineteen years he made the long journey to California, where he remained about ten years. He was in that state at the time gold was discovered and became a miner, eventually owning a mine.

About 1854 he returned to Denmark with his savings and entered the brewery business, which

he pursued successfully about fifteen years. His residence during this time was in Copenhagen, and in 1856 he was married in that city to Miss Emma Bloch, who was born in Copenhagen. She is the youngest child in a family of two sons and three daughters, and received a liberal education in the schools of her native city. Her father, Carl Bloch, was a sailor and ship owner.

In 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Thorsen crossed the Atlantic with their family and journeyed at once to Chicago, where Mrs. Thorsen opened a millinery store, at No. 155 Milwaukee Avenue. She continued this business successfully eight years, accumulating during that time considerable prop-



erty. Mr. Thorsen secured a position in a book store, which he retained for some time. He was a man of quiet, unassuming habits, but won the love and respect of all with whom he became acquainted. He was an influential member of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, and his absence is greatly felt by all his fellow-members. He passed away November 3, 1898, at the age of seventy-three years, and his remains were buried in the beautiful cemetery at Graceland.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thorsen were born five children, all but the youngest of whom, Mitchell, are still living. Mary is traveling agent for a wholesale millinery firm of Chicago; James B., formerly of the bicycle firm of Thorsen & Cassaday, Chicago, is president of the Thorsen Company,

dealing in bicycle material; John is clerk in a retail boot and shoe store; and Peter is agent for a bicycle firm. Mrs. Thorsen is prominent among the Danish ladies of Chicago, and is foremost in charitable work. She was the leader in the movement to organize the Danish Old People's Home Association, to build a home for the aged Danish-born citizens of Chicago, and it was at her house that the first meeting of the society was held, March 12, 1891. She was its first president and has been its treasurer seven years, and was recently elected an honorary member of the association by acclamation. The society is now getting ready to build a home, having, after years of patient effort, secured sufficient funds for the purpose.

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## JOHN A. HANSEN.

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JOHN AUGUST HANSEN, who has been a resident of Chicago since 1853, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, September 13, 1841, and is a son of Capt. Hans Hansen, who was a seafaring man and sailed his own ship for a great many years. John A. Hansen is one of the old and respected citizens of the city, and conducts a first class catering establishment and resort at No. 1311 North Western Avenue.

He attended the parish school in his native place until he reached the age of twelve years and then went sailing with his father, remaining with him three years. He sailed out of Hamburg ten years, in different vessels, and on one trip he went to Buenos Ayres and was on the coast of South America three years, trading in sun-dried beef. After this he shipped in another vessel and visited Australia and California. He has been in nearly all the principal seaports of the world. He was twice in Saint Petersburg

and, before locating permanently in America, made four trips across the Atlantic Ocean with passengers, his first trip being in 1851. In 1853 he located permanently in the United States, and made two trips later out of New York to Pensacola.

Mr. Hansen subsequently traveled to Chicago, and made two trips as a sailor on the lakes, being then promoted to second mate, and as such made five trips. He became first mate, and sailed on the schooner "Richard Mott" in that capacity seven years. In all he sailed out of Chicago eleven years. He then started his present business, on Desplaines street, between Harrison and Polk Streets. He did a profitable business in that location eleven years and then removed to the corner of Milwaukee and North Avenues and started a grocery and saloon, remaining at this location five years. From there he moved to his present place of business. He continued in a similar line, and was one of the first mer-



chants to locate in this portion of the city, when it was but sparsely settled. At that time the streets were lighted with gasoline lamps and Mr. Hansen had the first one placed on that part of North Western Avenue. In his various business ventures he has been successful, and he erected his present large and handsome building in 1895. The ground floor is used for business purposes, and in the upper stories are four residence flats.

Since the time Mr. Hansen became a citizen of the United States he has taken an active interest in politics, but has never sought political preferment. He has given his support to the Dem-

ocratic party, attended its conventions and on different occasions declined offered nominations for local offices, but for ten years served as captain of his voting precinct.

Mr. Hansen is a member of the 'Turners' Society and of the Sons of Herman. March 7, 1873, he married Miss Louise Hansen, daughter of Claus Hansen, and who was born in the same part of Germany as her husband. They have a family of three interesting daughters, Lillian, Minnie and Ellen, all of whom are receiving good educational advantages. The family is connected with the Evangelical Church and is one of eminent respectability.

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## FERDINAND LOTT.

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**F**ERDINAND LOTT is one of the pioneer German-American settlers now living on the North Side. He was born in the Hartney Mountains, in Prussia, January 24, 1836, a son of Godfried and Marie (Kerckner) Lott. Godfried Lott kept a tavern in the Fatherland, and was prominent among the countrymen near him. Soon after the outbreak of the revolution in 1848, he decided to leave the country of his nativity, because of the suspicion under which he was held by the government, and cast his lot in the New World. Putting this resolution into effect, he left Germany in September, embarking at Bremen in a sailing-vessel bound for New Orleans, where he had a schoolmate with whom he had been in correspondence.

After an ocean voyage of some weeks he arrived at his destination. He remained there but a short time and then went to St. Louis, Missouri. In that city he worked a short time at his trade (that of blacksmith), and then came to Chicago in 1849. His first work here was for a Mr. Schuttler, by whom he was employed a

short time and subsequently went into the service of Frank Bush, who operated a wagon-making business on Washington Street, between Fifth Avenue and Franklin Street. In 1851 he wrote to his family to sell his property and come to the United States, or he would return home and take the consequences of his suspected complicity in the revolution.

His wife disposed of their property and came with their five children to America. They landed in New York and came directly to Chicago, arriving at Rush Street bridge November 11, 1851. A few years later Mr. Lott established a shop on the corner of Halsted and Randolph Streets, where he carried on the manufacture of wagons for several years. He was induced to embark in the manufacture of grain drills, which proved a failure and ruined him financially. His wife died in Chicago in 1866, and in 1869 Mr. Lott left the city and never returned. Of their five children all are deceased except Ferdinand, of this sketch, and Adolph, who resides in Memphis, Tennessee.

Ferdinand Lott was sixteen years old when he came to Chicago. After leaving school, at the age of fourteen years, he worked at the occupation of blacksmith with his uncle until he left for the United States. In May of the year following his arrival in Chicago, he engaged with A. C. Ellithorp and served an apprenticeship of four years, learning the trade of carriagemaker. He worked at his trade as a journeyman thirty-two years, for different manufacturers. As he was a first-class mechanic and wheelmaker, he was never out of employment, and during the last fifteen years of this period he was employed by Hugh McFarland, a manufacturer of express wagons.

Too much hard work broke his constitution and forced him to abandon labor, and he retired in 1883. He commanded the highest salaries at all times, and was careful of his earnings. As a result of their judicious investment he is able to live at his ease in his declining years, though he lost heavily in the fire of 1871. He has always

been a loyal citizen and takes an intelligent interest in public affairs.

He cast his first presidential vote in favor of Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and has since supported the Republican party. He never sought office nor held any, except that of judge of elections, which he occupied several years. He was for several years a member of the Chicago Turngemeinde, and now belongs to the Pioneers' Society. May 4, 1863, he was married to Miss Caroline, only daughter of Louis Malzacher, mention of whom is made on another page of this work. She is a native of Chicago. They became the parents of two children: Louis F., who died in the year 1893; and Edwin, who is a musician.

Mr. Lott was confirmed in the Lutheran Church and still gives his support to that denomination, although not a member of any church. He has always borne a good reputation for his industry and integrity, and has used his influence for the best interests of society.

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## MICHAEL LEONARD.

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**M**ICHAEL LEONARD, who comes of very old German stock, is one of our many prominent citizens and business men who were born in the Fatherland but have adopted America as their country, and came here to better their financial standing. He was born May 7, 1841, in Bavaria, Germany, in the village of Schmitzhausen. His parents were Michael and Mary (Gabriel) Leonard. Michael Leonard, senior, died in 1845. He conducted a general store in his native land.

His wife and three children emigrated from their native land in 1851, arriving in New York, where Michael attended school two years. He then obtained employment in a match factory and

began the battle of life in earnest. After five months he entered a hat factory, remaining one year. He spent eighteen months subsequently in a candle factory, and at the age of eighteen years began an apprenticeship in the lithographing business with Ferdinand Meyer & Company, at No. 96 Fulton Street. He served one year over his time, and during that time was variously employed.

In 1866 Mr. Leonard located in Chicago and entered the service of the Western Bank Note Engraving Company, located at the southwest corner of La Salle and Randolph Streets, where he remained one year as lithographer. He returned to New York and for three years worked



in various lithographing establishments. He made his home in Morrisania, which is one of New York's suburbs. At this time he was a member of the Monitor Engine Company, No. 2, Volunteer Fire Department.

In 1869 Mr. Leonard again took up his residence in Chicago, and entered the employ of the Charles Shober Lithographing Company, located at the southeast corner of Clark and Lake Streets. He next spent a short time with Louis Nelke, at No. 42 Clark Street, and then again entered the employ of the Western Bank Note Engraving Company, and was with it until the Chicago fire in 1871, when this establishment was burned. It later started business in the Grain Manufacturers' Building on South Jefferson Street. Mr. Leonard spent a short time with Edward Mandel, at Twenty-second and State Streets, and two years in the employ of Ezra A. Cook, though not occupied all of that time. Mr. Cook was located on Wabash Avenue near South Water Street. Still later, having been one year with Mr. Sherwood, on Arcade Court, he entered the employ of Culver, Page & Hoyne, at No. 140 Monroe Street, who were succeeded by the John Morris Company. This house was in turn succeeded by P. F. Pettibone & Company. Mr. Leonard has been engaged in the interests of this concern the past sixteen years, and is a valued, honored and trusted employe. Michael Leonard has a brother, Jacob, who is engaged in the same business as his brother, and is living with his wife and son in Chicago.

July 16, 1871, Mr. Leonard was married to Elizabeth Hilcher, a daughter of Charles and Louisa (Hoppa) Hilcher. Charles Hilcher was born in Breslau, Germany, and emigrated to Philadelphia. His daughter, Elizabeth, was born in that city, and Mr. Hilcher removed his family to Chicago in 1858. His children were named: Louisa, Charles, and Jennie (twins), Elizabeth, Edward and Lillian. The children of Mr. and Mrs. M. Leonard were six in number, three of whom are deceased; they are respectively: Henry, died at the age of seven months; Lily, at the age of eight months; and Joseph, who died at the age of three years. Of the living, Edward Michael, aged twenty-six years, is employed by H. H. Kohlsaat & Company at Nos. 331-335 Dearborn Street, as manager. He married Rye B. Combs, who is head assistant principal of the Auburn Park school, and lives at No. 6503 Stewart Avenue. George Arthur, aged twenty-four years, married Ollie Hagert, and resides at No. 895 North Halsted Street. The youngest child, Jennie, at the time of this writing, resides at home.

Michael Leonard is a Democrat in politics, and was reared a Roman Catholic, following the teachings of his father. Mrs. Leonard comes of Protestant people. He is a man of quiet and peaceable demeanor, but an interesting conversationalist. He is skilled in his art and well known among lithographing concerns in the city. He is an example of thriving German stock and has not neglected his opportunities.

## FREDERICK DIERCKS.

**F**REDERICK DIERCKS, a worthy pioneer, was born in Hanover, Germany, August 17, 1818. He is a son of Frederick and Katharine Diercks, who were of a very old and

highly respected family. Frederick Diercks, senior, was the father of six children, two of whom died in the Fatherland. The remaining four came to America. Frederick, of this men-



tion, is the eldest. Henry enlisted in the Union Army, during the War of the Rebellion, and was taken prisoner by the Confederates. He met the terrible fate of many of our brave men, and died in the prison at Andersonville. Mary, who became Mrs. Meinheit, is deceased; and Christian is a tiller of the soil in Iowa. Both the parents died in Chicago.

Frederick and Mary came to America in 1842, arriving in Chicago October 21. The next year Henry came, and two years later Frederick sent money to his parents to enable them to join their family in this, to them, new country. Frederick learned the trade of a carpenter in his native land, and worked many years at this occupation after his arrival in Chicago. He was a trusted and valued employe in the car shops of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company for

nearly twenty-one years, proving his ability and strength of character by this long period of service with one employer.

Although far advanced in age, he has been occupied more or less at his trade up to the past two years. He has never aspired to political honors, but has steadily supported the Republican party since its organization. In December, 1849, he married Dorothy Beckman, who has proven a helpmate in every sense of the word. To them were born nine children, six of whom are now living: Henry, of Colorado; Anna, Sophia; Louise, wife of John O. Anderson; Dora, now Mrs. J. B. Page; and Emma, wife of W. J. Mortimer. The family is connected with St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and each one is devout and recognized as wielding an influence for the promotion of good.

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## ADOLPH BURGER.

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**A**DOLPH BURGER is a native of picturesque Switzerland—a country whose people have more freedom than the people of any other country of continental Europe. We find this life of freedom stamped on the Switzer wherever he may be. Mr. Burger was born June 18, 1845, in the village of Menziken, in the canton of Argau, Switzerland, and is a son of Jacob and Anna (Sager) Burger, and is a true type of the Switzer. That he has succeeded is evident from the fact that he now occupies a position of trust in the service of the great Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company.

His paternal grandfather had three sons: Jacob, John and Gottlieb, and one daughter. Jacob Burger, father of the man whose name heads this article, was born June 18, 1800, in Switzerland, in the village of Burg. He was the owner and conductor of a blacksmith business, and his son

Adolph learned the same trade from him. Jacob Burger died when seventy-one years of age, in 1871. He was twice married, and by his first wife his children were: Henry, Jacob, Gottlieb, Rudolph and Marianna. By his second wife his children were: Lena, Herman and Adolph. The mother of the last mentioned three was born about 1815, and died in 1892. Henry Burger came to America in 1852, and located in Michigan.

Adolph Burger was the next of the family to emigrate, and landed in America August 8, 1868. He remained two months in the United States before going to London, Canada. He followed the trade of blacksmith in Canada, but remained there only until 1876, when he removed to Chicago, arriving in the fall. He was employed by John Cindinger, at No. 82 Sherman Street, until 1884, when he went into the employ of the Chi-

cago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, as depot passenger agent, and has retained the position since that time. He has resided at No. 6809 Lafayette Avenue eleven years, and is well known and highly respected in the neighborhood.

Mr. Burger was married October 19, 1880, to Magdalena, daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Baker) Kammerer. Mrs. Burger was born March 11, 1855, in Baden, Germany, and came to America in 1879. Jacob Kammerer was born July 8, 1819, and followed the trade of carpenter. His wife was born March 11, 1825, and her children were named: Jacob, Carl, Mary, Magdalena, Herman and William. Mrs. Kammerer's father was William Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Burger became the parents of five children, who are as follows: Herman Adolph, born August 9, 1881, died June 30, 1885; Will-

iam Jacob, born August 13, 1883, died July 10, 1885; Lillie Bertha, born September 26, 1885; Adolph Lewis, August 31, 1887; and Freda Albertina, September 13, 1895. Mr. Burger is a Royal Arch Mason of St. Paul Chapter No. 105, of London, Canada. He is connected with Syracuse Lodge No. 500, Knights of Pythias, and Garden City Council No. 59, National Union. He is a follower of the creed of the Presbyterian, and uses his influence at all times for the good of mankind in general.

Mr. Burger's home is pleasantly situated on one of the fashionable thoroughfares of Englewood, Lafayette Avenue. He is surrounded by an interesting family, and the eldest, a child of twelve years, shows much talent for the art of drawing, which needs only cultivation to develop a rare skill.

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## FREDERICK KNOP.

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**F**REDERICK KNOP was born in the province of Hanover, Germany, July 1, 1830, and was reared to manhood on his father's farm. Both his parents died in the Fatherland, and their youngest son still owns the old homestead. Of their seven children, three came to the United States. Mary came in 1852 with her husband, and now lives in Atlantic City, Iowa. Frederick and Louis came in 1854.

On coming to Chicago Frederick Knop was first employed by Mr. Hesing, in a brick yard in Jefferson. He worked as laborer and farm hand for ten years, and then bought a team and wagon and began teaming for members of the Board of Trade, hauling grain and other produce. He followed this occupation fifteen years and, with his savings, purchased a lot on May Street, where he has resided since 1867. He has lived a quiet, industrious life, and has done his share towards improving and developing the city, and as a

pioneer deserves honorable mention in this work. He cast the first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1860, and has supported the candidates of the Republican party since.

Mr. Knop is a member of the order of Chosen Friends. October 12, 1863, he married Frances Tomisesco, by whom he had five children, three of whom are living. They are: Clara, now the wife of Charles Bors; Anna and Bertha, the latter being the wife of Charles Kondar, all residing in Chicago. Mrs. Knop died in 1871, and in 1872 Mr. Knop married Arsoba Aggus, a native of Holstein, Germany. Of this union, there is one child living, Louise, who is a dress-maker. They have lost three children. Since 1875 Mr. Knop has lived retired, enjoying the thought that he has done his part and lived an economical and useful life. The family is connected with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, where each member is valued and honored as a power for good.



## THOMAS F. WITHROW.

THOMAS FOSTER WITHROW was born in Kanawha County, Virginia (now West Virginia), March 6, 1832. His father, who was a physician, was bound his son should be a medical practitioner, but the son had an early bent for the law, which brooked no opposition; on this account, as his father would not furnish necessary funds, his early years were mainly self-educated. When sufficiently advanced, he taught district schools, thereby earning the means wherewith to attend the Western Reserve College, situated at Delaware, Ohio. By reason of his father's death during his youth, he was obliged to drop his books, leave college, and forthwith proceed to business life in order to support his widowed mother and his sister.

Adopting for a season the journalistic field, that he might lay up money to prosecute ultimate legal aims, at the age of twenty-one he was appointed local editor upon the *Republican*, published at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, removing in 1855 to Zanesville, in the same State, to assume editorship in chief of the *Free Press*. Although exceptionally brilliant in this sphere of occupation (a fact amply vouched for by his rapid rise therein), he felt that his powers were not called upon to their fullest extent, and that he would be altogether unable in any field, save the law, to find a theme whose ringing echoes should sound the melody of his life.

Upon the death of his dearly beloved mother in the fall of 1856, he commenced the study of law in the offices of Miller & Beck, of Fort Madison, Iowa. The following year witnessed his admission to the practice of the local bar of his newly acquired home in Des Moines, Iowa, where he first opened his office. Directly his unusual abilities became voiced, he was sought for private secretary by Governor Ralph P. Lowe (the first

Republican to assume the gubernatorial functions in that State), as also by his successor in office, Governor Samuel J. Kirkwood. Fancy can readily picture what flames were added to his aspirations by such distinguished environment at the inception of his young career. Prosperity, however, far from spoiling him, amplified both his talents and his tact; wherefore, recognizing his fitness for so exacting a function, the proper authorities selected our modestly-laureled subject to act as Official Reporter of the Supreme Court of the State of Iowa; the well-digested results of his long incumbency of such office being embodied in some fourteen volumes of Iowa State Reports, containing decisions upon all branches of law as issues were made on appeals, and which, as the decrees of the court of *dernier resort*, are precedents in that State for future adjudication.

In 1863 the deserts of his exceedingly enthusiastic political services were formally acknowledged in his elevation to the highly responsible position of Chairman of the Iowa State Republican Committee. During this period his alert faculties were so impressed by the necessities calling for better means for effectual campaign work, that he originated a new code of methods, thereupon proven to be so superior in conception that they have been very largely followed and patterned after ever since. The unusual needs of these "war times" so enthused his impressionable mind that he foresaw and spoke as a party prophet or law-giver. None has left a brighter, more wholesome memory in the political annals of that State, so long his honored and honoring home.

In 1866 he was made local Division Attorney for the Rock Island & Pacific Railway, his services manifesting such activity and success that in 1873 he was rewarded by an advancement to the chief post of his department. under the title



of General Solicitor, whereupon removal of residence was made to the *sit*us of the general offices of that road at Chicago. Litigation increased in bulk to such a degree, that in after years they found it would be expedient to select two such solicitors, at which juncture Mr. Withrow was installed in the newly created office of General Counsel for the entire system, having a general supervision over a corps of able legal subordinates, in person only going into the highest courts upon questions of weightier import. These duties he continued with conscientious energy to administer until the time of his decease, February 3, 1893, since which time the Rock Island Railway has withheld from elevating any successor to his so peculiarly honored seat.

On the occasion set apart by the Supreme Court of Iowa for the delivering of eulogies upon the life-work and character of Mr. Withrow, among numerous eloquent tributes paid to his superlative worth on the part of professional old friends and associates, we find in the address *par excellence*, spoken by Judge Wright, the following passage: "As a lawyer, he was industrious, conscientious, aggressive, and of the quickest perceptions. He had a genius for hard and effective work, all of which was done thoroughly, slighting nothing. \* \* He was the very soul of fidelity to his client. \* \* *His greatest power was fertility of resource.* \* \* Generous and considerate, alas, that he must pass away in the prime of life!"

It was this "genius for hard and effective work" which led to his untimely, sudden death, through heart failure. The fall previous, in the retirement of his summer home at Lake Geneva, he had spent several very laborious weeks in preparing for hearing an extremely important case for his corporation, from which particular overwork, though he respited, he never fully recovered. Sturdy as an oak, which under careful cherishing outstands the violence of myriad seasons, his ardent temperament recked not of the prudences of life; with him it was always—"This is the battle! This must end in victory!" And so into the seething flames of a too consumingly brilliant professional life, he had cheerfully thrown

that score of years of reserved force which, along more conservative lines, would undoubtedly have sufficed him to meet with heroic fortitude the slowly gathering shadows of a quite advanced age. But who will take upon him to assert that he was not well contented on the whole that it befell as indeed it did? For had not the solicitations of friends often cautioned him against his so lavish expenditure of exceptional energies? Let us take example of this "faithfulness unto death," his most fitting eulogy, and rarest, pure balm of solace to the bereaved.

By religious faith he was a Unitarian; always in attendance upon the inspiring services of the Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer while he so long and efficiently filled the pulpit of Unity Church of this city. Of later years a warm friendship had grown up between him and the late Rev. Dr. David Swing, who officiated so feelingly at the obsequies, unspeakably regretful over the loss of his lawyer-naturalist comrade; for they were boon mates together in the woods and fields, mutually worshipping the omnipresent God as they walked.

Like his father, Mr. Withrow was an exceedingly devoted abolitionist, at a period when Virginia was not at all prolific of such citizenship. Many a colored man was able through their agency to breathe the free air of the North. Indeed, so bitter grew the local sentiment engendered by the temerity of so exceptional an attitude, altogether hostile to southern tenets, that it became expedient, and was the chief cause of, the family removal to Ohio. No less zealous in this new field, and grown to great prominence in the dominant party, what pleasure our friend must have experienced over that immortal proclamation of President Lincoln, with its ensuing complete practical ratification! We sincerely believe that no happier moments than these crowned his life, unless, possibly, the contemplation of these signal, national transactions in later years, while seated upon his own magnificent premises overlooking Chicago Lincoln Park, of which he was a Commissioner, being thus in full view of the superb bronze statue of the President himself, of the fund for erecting which he had been a trustee.

Vivacious and sociable, a semi-public life had found him a member of many choice clubs and societies; but with growing domesticity necessitated by maturer years, added to the drains made by constant professional duties upon his vitality, he withdrew more and more into the quiet enjoyments afforded by home life, especially delighting in *belles lettres*, in whose rich domain he was during the thirty-five most busily occupied years of professional activity, never less than an ambitious student and philosophic meditator. Here the richest verbal expressions of genius became again his living legacy, always ready at a necessitous crisis to do his eloquent bidding. At the time of his demise he was still enrolled with the Chicago Literary Club, as for the many years past, as well as with the famous Grolier Club of New York City.

Mr. Withrow was married October 27, 1859, at Hamilton, Madison County, New York, to Miss Jane Frances Goodwin, who survives him, together with three children born unto them, as follows: Henry Goodwin Withrow, born April 29, 1861, whose advanced education was completed in the University of Michigan, now being engaged in railroading; Charles LeBaron Withrow, born in June 1866, matriculated at the Cambridge (Massachusetts) Law School, but now in journalistic labors with the Associated Press in New York City; Bonnie Withrow, born in August, 1867, educated at Ogontz, near Philadelphia, now largely devoted to philanthropic work,

especially the welfare of young women whom fate has thrown upon their own resources.

Mrs. Withrow is a daughter of the sea captain, LeBaron Goodwin, of Old Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Mary, his wife (*nee* Leggett), of Saratoga Springs, New York. Her father removed in mature years to De Ruyter, Madison County, New York, where he led a retired and studious life. The said Mary Leggett was a daughter of Samuel and Susannah Leggett (*nee* Smith); Samuel being a son of Isaac and Rebecca Leggett (*nee* Starbuck), a daughter of Benjamin and Hepsibah Starbuck (*nee* Bunker). The said LeBaron Goodwin was a son of William and Lydia C. Goodwin, (*nee* Sampson), the former a son of Nathaniel and Lydia Goodwin (*nee* LeBaron), a son of John and Mary Goodwin (*nee* Roby), a son of Nathaniel (who died in 1754) and Elizabeth Goodwin.

Mrs. Withrow is related to eminent families, as will be seen from the fact that through her paternal grandmother, Lydia C. Sampson, she traces back to Nathaniel Cushing, born in 1588 (a son of Peter Cushing, of Norfolk, England), an early American colonist; also to Henry Pitcher, born in 1586, who came early to Hingham, Massachusetts, in the ship "Delight;" also to Capt. Miles Standish, famous of the "Mayflower" crew; also to Henry Sampson, compeer of Standish, whose grandson Isaac married Lydia, a granddaughter of Captain Standish, and who became in due time grandparents of the said Lydia C. Sampson, the grandmother of Mrs. Withrow.

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## JULIUS M. WARREN.

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**J**ULIUS M. WARREN, only son of Daniel Warren, a pioneer settler of Du Page County (see biography elsewhere in this volume), was born in Fredonia, New York, June 13, 1811, being the first white child born in Chautauqua

County. He became a member of the New York militia, in which he attained the rank of colonel. With the family, he came to Du Page County in the autumn of 1833, and spent the balance of his life there. He was a very genial and happy-dis-



positioned gentleman, and early became a favorite in society. A recent writer in the Chicago *Herald* speaks thus of the society of that day: "The society of all this region, including town and country, forty-five years ago, had its attractive seat and held its principal revelries in the valley of Fox river. 'The best people' that came out from the eastern states to settle in this region did not stop in Chicago, but made for the magnificent farming lands in this vicinity. Some came from central and western New York, where they had seen families of the aristocracy plant themselves and flourish on the fat lands of the Mohawk and Genesee valleys. To clear off timber and reduce those great farms to productivity, had taken half a century of time and had exhausted the lives of three generations. This was known to the new emigrants, and as they heard of or saw these Illinois lands, bare of obstinate trees, but clothed with succulent grasses, of nature's sowing; in a climate that possessed no torridity, nor yet any destructive rigors; all this being known beforehand, many refined and cultivated families came out with all their effects, and bought or entered land and proceeded to make themselves homes, which, they had no doubt, would be homes to them for their natural lives."

Mr. Warren had a keen sense of humor and was always amiable and cheerful, which made him a favorite in all circles. Instead of disapproving the amusements of the young people, he always had a strong sympathy and interest in their pleasures. He was the constant attendant of his sisters, and often laughingly mentioned them as seven reasons why he should not marry. He was also devotedly attached to his mother who was justly proud of her only son. Together they kept house until her death, when he induced his nephew to bring his family to live on the old homestead at Warrenville, where he continued to reside. He passed away on the first of May, 1893, his last words being, "Take me home to my mother."

In speaking of Colonel Warren and the village of Warrenville, we again quote from the *Herald*: "He called in a storekeeper, a blacksmith, a cooper and a carpenter, and a tavernkeeper came in good time. Naperville was a smaller village, hav-

ing but two log houses. Aurora scarcely had a being, and St. Charles was not. But all along on the banks of the Fox river were settlers of a high class, who had knowledge of and correspondence with the eastern portions of the United States. Foremost among these was Judge Whipple, who, acting with the Warrens, father and son, organized and gave direction to local affairs. They were without postal facilities of any kind, and every family had to send a member into Chicago for letters and papers. A letter from Buffalo to any place on the Fox river was from four to six weeks in coming, and to Chicago cost fifty cents postage. Colonel Warren making use of eastern friends, got a postoffice (the first in the valley) established at Warrenville in 1833, and himself appointed postmaster. He was his own mail-carrier, making weekly trips, on foot some times, to Chicago and out again, with letters and papers for distribution through his office to people in all that section. Colonel Warren held this office for fifty years, and only lost it when President Cleveland came in the first time."

Although chiefly self-educated, Colonel Warren was a thoroughly well-read man, and was admirably fitted for a leader in politics, as well as in society. He represented his district for three successive terms in the State Legislature, from 1840 to 1843, but refused to longer remain in public life, preferring the quiet joys of his home and neighborhood to anything the capital or metropolis might offer. He continued to manage the large homestead farm until his death. He was a loyal adherent of the Republican party, having espoused its leading principles before its organization.

The following incident will indicate the kindly nature of Colonel Warren and his noble mother, as well: A young lawyer of Chicago, now known throughout Illinois as the venerable ex-Chief Justice of the State, John Dean Caton, fell sick of fever while staying at the log tavern in Naperville, one of the two buildings of that village. Hearing of the case, Colonel Warren went at once to see what he could do to render the sufferer comfortable, and soon decided to remove him to his own home, where he could receive better



nursing than at the little frontier tavern. This probably saved the life of the patient, who attributes his recovery to the careful nursing of Mrs. Warren and her daughters, with such aid as Colonel Warren could apply. The last-named saw the completion of his eighty-second year,

full of humor and harmless badinage to the last, and died as the result of an attack of pneumonia, after an illness of only two days, leaving as an inspiration to those who come after the record of a well-spent life.

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## FERDINAND W. PECK.

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**F**ERDINAND W. PECK. Among Chicago's native sons, of whom she is justly proud, is the subject of this sketch. He is the youngest son of P. F. W. Peck, the pioneer settler and merchant of the city (for biography see another page), and was born in the family residence, which stood on ground now covered by the Grand Pacific hotel, July 15th, 1848.

It is not often that one not stimulated by necessity or forced to cultivate self-reliance achieves anything worthy of note among the active men of to-day. Without this stimulus, Mr. Peck applied himself first to the acquirement of an education, passing through the grades of the city schools, graduating at the High School, the Chicago University and the Union College of Law. Next he took up the practice of his chosen profession, and met with the full measure of success vouchsafed to the young lawyer in a field already occupied by a multitude of able and experienced jurists and attorneys. After several years of practice, with growing business that is bound to come to one of his energy and ability, he was forced to abandon the law to engage in caring for the estate which his father had left to the charge of his sons, at his demise. This property consisted principally of real estate, much of which had been stripped of its improvements by the great fire of 1871, and which now required constant and careful attention. Under the conservative management of the senior

Peck's sons, the estate has prospered, at the same time it has conferred upon the city some of its most valuable and permanent features.

Mr. F. W. Peck is a devotee of music and a lover of art, and has been the means of bringing to Chicago much of its culture in these elevating and ennobling studies. For some years he cherished the idea of providing the city with facilities sufficiently ample and substantial to bring hither all that was best in the line of intellectual and refining entertainments. The Opera Festival of 1885, of which Mr. Peck was President, brought to the city the finest musical and dramatic entertainments ever offered to an American audience, and made apparent to the citizens the need of better facilities for such entertainments. Mr. Peck seized upon this sentiment and organized the Auditorium Association, of which he was unanimously chosen President. The stock was distributed among three hundred subscribers, including the most prominent and wealthy citizens, and the result is known to every denizen of the city, in one of its most conspicuous landmarks—the Auditorium.

A recent writer says: "The genius of the world has exhausted itself in devising and erecting architectural edifices. The Parthenon in the age of Pericles, glorious in all the adornments of art wrought by the chisel of Phidias and brush of Praxiteles, was a temple of heathen worship; the mighty walls of the Coliseum were

raised to furnish an arena for gladiatorial brutality. Mediæval architects reared the clustered columns and vaulted arches of Gothic cathedrals to woo men to pious aspirations; the chaste lines and sculptured walls of the "Nouvelle Opera" were raised as a temple of music and dramatic art; each had or has its beauties and special use; but it remained for the genius of Chicago to conceive and its enterprise to provide, by private munificence, a structure as perfect as any in substantial utility, both as a gathering place of the multitude and a temple of all the arts; the perfection of architectural genius. It is more capacious than the Albert Hall of South Kensington, more substantial than the new opera of Paris; chaste, solid and sublime."

Mr. Peck has shown the same zeal, energy and ability in the conduct of public business which has been placed in his charge that mark all his own undertakings. As chairman of the finance committee of the World's Columbian Exposition he assumed a heavy responsibility, and aided in bringing that stupendous enterprise through successfully and paying every pecuniary obligation. This involved the expenditure of over \$30,000,000, and was calculated to test the capacity of the greatest financiers. Mr. Peck is also associated in official capacity with many of the permanent institutions of the city, including most of those calculated to promote an æsthetic sentiment among the people. Some of these official positions are the presidency of the Chicago Athenæum, the Auditorium Association and the Union League Club; he has been Vice-president of the Board of Education of the city of Chicago, and was Vice-president of the World's Columbian Exposition, with a seat in its board of reference and control, on its executive committee, committee on legislation and special committee on ceremonies, in addition to the finance committee, as above noted.

Mr. Peck's habits and manners are wholly unostentatious, and he is ever affable and kind to all who may come in contact with him. In the midst of a busy life, full of cares and responsibilities, he gives much attention to the amenities of life and has been an extensive traveler. In sum-

mer he spends much time out of doors, and maintains a summer home at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and enjoys the honor of being Commodore of the Wisconsin Yacht Club. His favorite yacht is named the "Tarpon," in honor of his good fortune in capturing an enormous tarpon while fishing off the coast of Florida at one time. In his handsome home on Michigan Avenue, in the city, are found a happy and congenial wife, four sons and two daughters. Mrs. Peck is the daughter of the late William A. Spalding, a sketch of whom appears on another page.

In speaking of Mr. Peck, the History of Chicago says: "One only slightly familiar with the telltale disclosures of physiognomy, looking upon his mild, refined and thoughtful features, cannot fail to be impressed that behind them is character of more than ordinary delicacy of sentiment and maturity of mind, that belongs rather to the æsthetic than to the gross and material lines of thought and action. While not an artist, he is a lover of art; his mind has a constructive quality, which, with sympathy with human needs and enthusiasm for the uplifting of the standard of life among the masses of the people, calls him to undertake enterprises of pith and magnitude, for the education of the people, for inspiring them with higher ideals of life, and leading them from the indulgence of degrading passions, through the ministries of the 'diviner arts,' to higher planes of living and enjoyment. This type of mind is not often found amid the rush and competition of life in our great cities. To its possession and well-developed proportions by so many of the well-to-do young men of Chicago, whose names will readily occur to the observant student of her inner life, is due in great part the æsthetic character which Chicago has taken on, despite her unwonted devotion to the more sordid pursuits of her gigantic enterprises. With her university and schools of every sort, with her art studios and collections, with her social clubs, musical festivals and dramatic entertainments, and especially since her magnificent triumph in constructing and maintaining the grandest exhibition of art and industry which the world has ever seen, Chicago easily leads all other Ameri-



can cities in æsthetic development, and stands not far behind such old-world centers of art and artists as Paris, Brussels and Florence."

The stockholders of the Auditorium Association have caused to be placed in the foyer of the Auditorium a bronze bust of Mr. Peck, upon the

granite pedestal of which has been inscribed: "A tribute to the founder of this structure, from the stockholders of the Auditorium Association, in recognition of his services as their President, in behalf of the citizens of Chicago. 1889."

## CAPT. JOHN F. STAFFORD.

**C**APT. JOHN FRANCIS STAFFORD, who was for many years connected with the mercantile and maritime interests of Chicago, was born in Dublin, Ireland, August 12, 1820. His father, John Stafford, was a provision merchant, and an intimate friend of Daniel O'Connell, the famous Irish patriot. His mother's maiden name was Sarah Mallon.

In the year 1828 the family removed to Port Hope, Canada West (now Ontario), where John Stafford bought and operated a grist, saw and fulling mill. In the following winter he was frozen to death while on the road between Port Hope and Toronto. The next spring his widow moved to Rochester, New York, where, a few years later, her son John began the study of medicine in the office of Elwood & Toby, the former then one of the eminent surgeons of the State, and the latter a prominent physician. Two years later, in 1832, Mrs. Stafford died of cholera, and the son abandoned his medical studies; but he never forgot his mother's counsel and made it the rule of his life, which has always been upright and stainless.

At the age of fourteen he began life on the great lakes in the capacity of cabin boy on the ship "Julia Palmer," of Buffalo, New York. In those days the old custom of serving grog (in this case it was Santa Cruz rum) prevailed, and at eleven o'clock each day the crew had its daily

rations. Being anxious to succeed, young Stafford spent several years as a sailor, and gradually worked up to a position as master, which he acquired in 1849, at which date he became part owner and captain of the brig "Boston," of Buffalo. In this capacity he spent three years on the lakes.

In 1851 he settled in Chicago, and engaged in the business of ship chandler and grocer on South Water Street, in which occupation he remained nine years. During that time he bought vessels, and in 1860 he owned a fleet of ten. One of these, the brig "Banner," made the voyage from Chicago to Buffalo in four days and two hours. In the year 1859 he purchased a half interest in Sans' Ale Brewing Company. This firm manufactured a very fine quality of ale and supplied the United States Government, under contract, with one hundred barrels of ale daily, for use in the hospitals of the sick and wounded, during the War of the Rebellion.

Mr. Stafford was a member and principal capitalist in the firm of Bennett, Peters & Co., then the largest wholesale liquor house west of New York. He sold his interest in the two last-mentioned firms in 1869, and disposed of his fleet of ships the following year, since which time he has not been actively engaged in business. During all these years he had been active in politics, and through this activity became well acquainted with



all the public men of his political (Republican) faith in the State of Illinois since Richard Yates was elected Governor of this commonwealth. Although often solicited to become a candidate for office, he would never consent, and has held but one political position. During Mr. Yates' term as Governor of Illinois Mr. Stafford was prevailed upon to accept the appointment of Coal Oil Inspector, in order to give the city the benefit of his experience and ability in straightening out the irregularities previously prevailing in the administration of that office. This he did in eight months, and promptly resigned. After the great fire of 1871 he was a prominent member of the Aid and Relief Committee, and contributed liberally to assist the sufferers by that disaster.

It was in a work of vast importance to the citizens of Chicago that Captain Stafford most distinguished himself, not only by his steadfastness of purpose, but also by the results of his efforts in a matter which involved the title to millions of dollars' worth of property. In the year 1869 the Legislature of the State of Illinois granted to the Illinois Central Railroad Company the use of the lake shore a long distance south of the Chicago River. The company afterward, in the exercise of its riparian rights, usurped the rights of ownership over the adjacent portions of the lake and filled up a portion of the harbor, subjecting so much of the lake as it chose to its own purposes. At the time of the passing of the statute providing for the conveyance of an easement to the company, it was held to be illegal by some of the best lawyers, and a meeting of merchants, capitalists and others was called to take measures to resist the encroachments of the railroad company. As a result of this meeting, J. Young Scammon, Thomas Hoyne and John F. Stafford were appointed a committee to take proper steps to restrain the company from exercising riparian rights on the lake front. In pursuance thereof, an injunction was obtained from the lower court, which was sustained, but the railroad company carried the case up until it finally reached the Supreme Court of the United States, and there, twenty-four years after its institution, the case

was decided adversely to the company. One hundred million dollars' worth of property, it was estimated, was thus saved to the citizens of Chicago. While the suit was in the courts, Captain Stafford's colleagues had died, and he alone had been left to see the end of this famous suit. During all the years of this litigation Captain Stafford had given the case unremitting attention, and expended his money liberally in forwarding the interests of the people, and did it all gratuitously.

In March, 1854, at Buffalo, New York, Captain Stafford was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Cadwallader, daughter of Michael Cadwallader, City Comptroller of that city, and for many years editor of the *Buffalo Journal*. It is a noteworthy fact that Gen. Thomas Proctor, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Cadwallader, inducted General Washington into the mysteries of Free Masonry. Mrs. Stafford died in 1861, leaving two daughters, Juniata and Minnie, who reside with their father.

Although Mr. Stafford finds no more pleasant place than his comfortable home on the North Side, he has spent much time during recent years in travel, always accompanied by one of his daughters. The summer season of the year was spent in northern resorts and the winter in the South, sometimes as far away as Cuba or Mexico. During the year 1888 Captain Stafford and Miss Minnie spent six months in Europe, visiting the home of his childhood (after an absence of sixty-two years), the four quarters of Britain and the principal countries of Southern Europe.

In politics Captain Stafford has been an earnest and unflinching Republican since the organization of the party. He has never been a candidate for office, but has chosen, rather, to help deserving friends to good positions. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, and for seventeen years has been vestryman of Trinity Church. There is no man in Chicago deserving a larger circle of warm friends, or more highly esteemed for public services than genial, warm-hearted Captain Stafford, whose fidelity to the interests of the people of Chicago will be long remembered.

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## HON. CYRUS M. HAWLEY.

CYRUS MADISON HAWLEY was born in Cortland County, New York, in January, 1815. His liberal education, for the times, was received at the Albany (New York) Normal School, under the tutelage of the eminent scholar, Professor Woolworth. His law studies were begun under the guidance of the distinguished advocate, Joshua A. Spencer, of Utica, New York. On coming to Chicago, in 1847, he continued his application until admission to the local bar in 1849, and in 1862, on motion, was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States. Says a noted contemporary, "By force of native genius and industry, he directly took a front position in the ranks of his profession." Remarkable indeed was the degree of success which attended his twenty-five continuous years of legal practice here, being annually retained by such opulent clients as John V. Farwell & Company and Field, Leiter & Company; and his professional affiliations being for many years with such legal giants as Senator Lyman Trumbull and his brother, George Trumbull.

In 1869 he was nominated by President U. S. Grant to act as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for the Territory of Utah, which appointment was, on the 15th of April of that year, unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate. To this new sphere of usefulness he was warmly welcomed, delivering the Fourth of July oration at Salt Lake City the year of his arrival, which was very highly complimented and at once established his ability as a public speaker, in addition to his known superior legal acquirements and the laurel crown of jurist about to be won.

Of the succeeding four years, through which he sat upon the Supreme bench of that polygamypRACTISING territory, it would be quite difficult to speak in full justice, but, in the language of two

of his conservative biographers, we may chronicle, "Among the distinguished persons who have figured in the affairs of Utah, there is none deserving a more respectful notice than Judge Hawley." "Every subject demanding his official attention has been grasped firmly and fearlessly, and his written decisions and opinions upon the various legal issues which have been submitted to his consideration are noted for their soundness, ability and perspicuity."

Taking a firm stand against the Mormon system, as might have been expected, he encountered the solid antagonism of its united press and public efforts, in which he was made the subject of undeserved censure and even vituperative abuse. But the golden purity of his judgment and decisions continued unsullied by malign traducers, living now in the immortal canons of law of that region, wherein his own bravely sown seeds were among the first and noblest to bear governmental fruit. On all questions involving polygamy or other associated evils, which were a growing menace to these United States, he took the most determined and unwavering stand against further usurpation by, or continuance in the practice of such customs. No more doughty champion of the right has ever thrown down the glove of challenge against Mormon-entrenched hierarchy; for to the subject of this sketch, as much as to any single person, is due credit for the improved present tone and condition of that territory, now admitted to our sisterhood of States.

From among many of his prominent decisions, afterward published in pamphlet form, we make mention of the following: "Opinion of the Supreme Court as to the Jurisdiction of Probate Courts in the Territory of Utah," 1870; "An Important United States Supreme Court Decision for Utah," 1871; "Arrest of Militia Officers in

Utah Territory," after 1870; "Militia Officers in Utah Territory, Habeas Corpus Decision," after 1870; "Habeas Corpus Decision of January 28, 1873;" "The Mormons and the Treaty with Mexico;" "A Review of a Decision of the Supreme Court of the United States," after 1870; "Opinion on the Original Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court," Supreme Court of the United States, October term, 1873, on appeal.

One of the most memorable acts of Judge Hawley in connection with this epoch of his career was his causing the arrest of Bishop Lee, leader of the Mountain Meadow Massacre, who was subsequently indicted, tried and convicted, the death penalty being executed upon the very spot of the bloody massacre. Because of such heroic and judicial acts as the foregoing, upon the eve of his departure from Utah—for he had been too studious in performance of duties to seek subtle means of continuance or preferment in office—his recent friends and associates, made in these few but eventful years, tendered him a dignified but cordial banquet in this formal manner:

"SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, April 8, 1873.

"Hon. C. M. Hawley,

"Dear Sir:—Understanding that it is your intention to return to your former home in Chicago, we desire to evince before your departure in some suitable manner our appreciation of your character as a citizen, gentleman, and an able, fearless and incorruptible judge.

"We, therefore, respectfully tender to you the compliment of a dinner on the evening of the 11th instant, when we may have another opportunity of expressing the esteem, confidence and friendship we now entertain and have ever entertained for you in your personal and official capacity."

The foregoing was signed by leaders at the bar, and, upon acceptance, was the occasion of a remarkable gathering, including many distinguished legal lights, federal functionaries and army officers, which called forth many a brilliant and touching expression of sentiment.

From that post of honor, after some journeyings, he settled for a time at Washington, D. C., as a copartner of the Hon. A. G. Riddle, where his, by this time, widely voiced reputation brought distinguished and lucrative retention. But the old home by the lakes always held a warm spot

in his heart, and returning to Chicago, he here passed the final years of a worthy life. The vital spark too soon burned out at his substantial residence, No. 5326 Washington Avenue, at ten o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, August 29, 1894.

Aside from pursuits of law, he was profuse in discursive literary outpourings on social as well as legal problems. Among numerous lectures delivered we find gratifying reviews of those upon these subjects: "What is Life," "Corinne," "The Mutations of Time." He was, at the time of his decease, President of the Hyde Park Philosophical Society. He was very proud of having been one of the founders, as likewise a most active and able supporter, of the Chicago "Old Tippecanoe Club," before whom he repeatedly appeared in edifying contributions, notable among which was a paper in 1891 (afterward published as a pamphlet) upon the Italian *Mafia* trouble at New Orleans. Therein was furnished a learned review of the international laws covering the dispute, together with the treaty in force between the two countries, which was made the occasion for suitable resolutions. Most feelingly of their recent loss the Tippecanoe Club adopted the following resolutions at a regular monthly meeting, held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, September 29, 1894:

"RESOLVED, That the President appoint a committee of three to present a paper expressive of the profound sorrow of the Club for the death of Judge Cyrus Madison Hawley."

The President therefore appointed the following committee: Dr. J. W. Harmon, Henry Sayrs and Rev. W. S. Post.

That committee presented the following report:

"Since our last meeting this Club has met with an irreparable loss in the death of Judge Cyrus Madison Hawley.

"He was one of our most talented and influential members. No member of this Club could speak upon questions which were discussed at our meetings with more force and eloquence. He attended our meetings quite regularly, and always contributed to their interest.

"He was a patriot. Descended from a long line of revolutionary and patriotic ancestors, he was a worthy son of such noble sires.

"He was an able expounder and defender of



the foundation principles of this Club and of the Republican party. In him were embodied the essential and enduring principles which are the foundation of the prosperity of our government.

"Judge Hawley was a man of great ability. He was a logical and consecutive reasoner. His keen intellect enabled him to see the pith and very essence of questions which he discussed, and he always supported his propositions with consummate skill, force and ability.

"He was the author of many papers which have been published.

"He also left a large number of manuscripts, which the writer of this has read, and they all give evidence of profound study and research and great ability.

"The death of Judge Hawley is a great loss to this Club. We all mourn the sad event. Therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That by the death of Judge Hawley, the old Tippecanoe Club of Chicago loses one of its most esteemed and valuable members, and that we all deeply deplore the sad event.

"*Resolved*, That this report be entered upon the records of this Club, and that a copy of it be sent to the family of the deceased."

It is thus apparent that the subject of this sketch was in political views a Republican, in whose ranks few were more modestly conspicuous. An Abolitionist, he lived to see the greatest stain upon national and domestic annals wiped away; an early advocate (in 1861) of the right and duty of government to issue treasury notes as a circulating medium, as a means with which to meet immediate fiscal governmental demands, he saw that opinion become an established administrative dogma.

What affords a more impressive spectacle than to see one pass away in the fullness of years and fame? Prominent, as lawyer; consummately able, as a jurist; stanch, as a friend; devoted, as husband and father; independent in means acquired through channels of laborious honor; surely we may safely leave his memory and his fame to the goddess of impartial hand, who considers the consciences, and records for all eternity the deeds of each.

Judge Hawley's charities were dispensed with quiet unostentation, but were none the less very substantial both in amount and judicious selection of the donees. Witness, during his lifetime he

was a periodical giver to the Chicago Presbyterian Hospital, the Newsboys' and Bootblacks' Association, and the Protestant Orphan Asylum, his contributions to each of these often amounting to as much as \$500 yearly. In his will he provided for the annual payment to all of said institutions of \$500 during the lifetime of two of his immediate relatives, and upon their deaths the whole of his ample estate is devised in fee to be divided among the said institutions. Who can foresee the amount of good thus accomplished, the suffering relieved and the buds of many noble manhoods forever quickened? Thus he reared a monument in the hearts of unborn thousands who are yet to arise and bless his life and memory.

Judge Hawley was a lifelong Presbyterian in religious faith, having been a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Chicago, for upward of thirty years. Its pastor, the Rev. Dr. Barrows, preached his funeral sermon in sincerely glowing terms. He was buried at Penfield, New York, beside his deceased wife.

In 1862 he married Sophia Fellows, of Penfield, New York; her father being a lawyer of good abilities, and her grandfather the General Fellows who performed heroic service for the colonies in the Revolutionary War.

Upon her decease, Mr. Hawley, January 19, 1893, married Mrs. Annie Fulton Loomis (a widow), of Chicago, who survives him. Her maiden name was Fulton, the family being of Scotch-Presbyterian descent, one branch of which produced the immortal Robert Fulton, inventor of the first steamboat, successfully launched on the Hudson River in 1814. Her mother was Elizabeth Moore, a daughter of Major Thomas Moore, famed in connection with the War of 1812.

He had two children: C. Myron Hawley, who was admitted to the bar and served his father as Clerk of the Court in Utah, where he untimely died of pneumonia; and a daughter, now Mrs. Charles Bumford, of New York City.

Cyrus Madison Hawley was a son of Lewis and Sarah Hawley, *nee* Tanner, a daughter of James and Hannah Tanner, *nee* Hazard, of Newport, Rhode Island, they having been formerly of Huntington, Connecticut, but removing to Solon,



New York, where they were prominent residents for upward of half a century.

Ascending the lineage in America, we record the following: His grandparents were Joseph and Anna Hawley, *nee* Lewis, a daughter of Nathaniel and Ruth Lewis, *nee* Beardsley, of Huntington, Connecticut. Joseph was a son of Captain Francis and Rachel Hawley, *nee* Davis, a daughter of John and Sarah Davis, *nee* Chatfield, of "Great Hill" Derby, Connecticut, residents of Huntington. Francis was a son of Samuel, Jr., and Bethia Hawley, *nee* Booth, a daughter of Ephraim and Mary Booth, *nee* Clark, of Stratford, Connecticut, who lived at Stratford, and later at Derby, Connecticut. Samuel, Jr., was a son of Samuel, Sr., and Mary Hawley, *nee* Thompson, a daughter of Thomas and Ann Thompson (*nee* Welles, of Farmington, Connecticut), of Stratford, Connecticut. Samuel was a son of Joseph Hawley, "Yeoman and Town Recorder," and Katherine Birdsey, of Stratford, Connecticut.

The last said Joseph Hawley came to America about 1629 or 1630, from "Parwidge" (now Parwick), Derbyshire, England, which is a place located about nine miles northwest of Old Derby; he settled upon "Home Lot No. 37," as set off by the "first inhabitants of Stratford, Connecticut." Here he died at the advanced age of eighty-seven, his burial spot being still identified by a well-worn slate tablet (an exceptional mark among early New England settlers), on which is yet legible its inscription, "J. H. May 20, 1690."

From a work embodying the results of great labor and research, into which we have been privileged to examine in connection herewith (the volume being entitled the "Hawley Record, 1066 to 1890," a heavy quarto tome), we ascertain that this family is both very ancient and honorable. The line is of Norman origin; the first Hawley, as appears from the "Roll of Battel Abbey" (that consummate aggregate genealogical tree builded by "The Conqueror," back to whom is traced so much of the good and bad of the past nine hundred years of English history), came into England in 1066 from France with the conquering King William I. The arms of the Derby (England) Hawleys are, "*vert a saltier engrailed argent*." Crest, a dexter arm in armor ppr., garnished or holding in the hand a spear in bend sinister, point downward ppr. Motto, "*suivez moi*." The etymology of this patronymic suggests itself as a compound of the root words, "haw" and "ley," which might be intelligently interpreted as "A meadow field enclosed by hawthorns.

Stratford, Connecticut, the ancestral American seat, is situated very advantageously upon Long Island Sound, in Fairfield County, which is not only the southwesternmost in that State, but all New England; here the Hawley family has been prominent for many generations. As one authority states, "The name of Hawley has stood pre-eminent in the ranks of jurists and statesmen of New England."

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## ISAAC NEWTON CAMP.

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ISAAC N. CAMP, one of the prominent business men of Chicago, who has been successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits in this city for more than a quarter of a century, is a

native of Elmore, Lamoille County, Vermont, having been born there on the 19th of December, 1831. His ancestors were colonial settlers in the Green Mountain State. His parents, Abel and

Charlotte (Taplin) Camp, were both natives of Vermont. The father was a farmer, whose sound sense and good judgment gave him the position of leading citizen among the people of the town in which he lived. For several years he held the office of Postmaster and Town Clerk. He died on the 22d of December, 1890, aged ninety years. In respect to his longevity, he was like his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, each of whom lived to a very advanced age. Among other things that came to Mr. Camp, on account of his integrity and financial ability, was the charge of a large tract of land which was left to the University of Vermont by Guy Catlin. In connection with the management of this land was a scholarship in the university held by Mr. Catlin, and placed at Mr. Camp's disposal.

Isaac Newton Camp, after the usual course in the common schools, attended the academy at Bakersfield, Vermont, where he paid his board by teaching music. At the age of twenty he entered the University of Vermont, where he made use of the scholarship above mentioned, and in his spare time earned enough money to pay his current expenses. After four years of hard study, interspersed with a liberal amount of hard work, he was graduated and received his diploma from his Alma Mater in 1856. Soon afterward he became assistant principal in Barre Academy, which had been transferred from Bakersfield during the time he was in college. There he taught mathematics and music for four years, after which he became principal of the High school, at Burlington, Vermont, filling that position until he came to Chicago, April 20, 1868.

In this city Mr. Camp became associated with H. L. Story, and entered the business in which he spent a large portion of his life. The firm took the name of Story & Camp, and continued in business until the spring of 1884, when the Estey Organ Company bought Mr. Story's interest, and the firm assumed the style of Estey & Camp, which has been continued to the present date, 1895.

Mr. Camp's life is an exemplification of what a man may do if he has ability and business methods. He began life on a small capital which he

had saved out of his salary as a teacher. With that as a base, and an abundance of energy, perseverance, enterprise and integrity of the highest character, he was prepared to enter the contest for success in commercial circles with a good prospect of winning, and he succeeded. The house of which he is a member is one of the most reputable and substantial in Chicago, and its status is the outgrowth of the efforts of the gentlemen who have managed its affairs. It grew up on fair dealing and honest and successful competition with its rivals. At the time of Mr. Story's withdrawal from the firm, the capital exceeded \$500,000, and he received \$250,000 for his interest in the business. The capital to-day exceeds \$1,000,000.

Mr. Camp has been prominently connected with public enterprises. He is a director in the Chicago Theological Seminary and the Royal Trust Company. In April, 1891, he was appointed a director of the World's Columbian Exposition, and served as a member of the committees on Agriculture and Liberal Arts. In politics Mr. Camp is a Republican, but he does not serve his party with a blind devotion, rather taking a liberal view of political matters, and in local affairs votes for the man whom he thinks best qualified to discharge the duties of the office. For many years he has been a member of Union Park Congregational Church, and is president of its board of trustees. He is a member of the Illinois and Union League Clubs.

On the 1st of January, 1862, Mr. Camp married Miss Flora Carpenter, daughter of Hon. Carlos Carpenter, of Barre, Vermont. Of the four children born of this marriage, three are now living. The daughter, Charlotte, is the wife of M. A. Farr, of Chicago; Edward N., the elder son, is in business with his father; and William Carpenter, the younger son, is also in the business.

Mr. Camp has found time in his busy commercial life to see his native land quite thoroughly, and has also traveled extensively abroad with his family. As a result of his journeyings, he is a better citizen and more loyal American than he would otherwise have been. He is a generous giver to the church and for charitable purposes.



In consequence of his industrious, well-spent life, and his energy, integrity and force of character, Mr. Camp has raised himself from the bottom round of the financial ladder to a position of in-

dependence, and at this advanced period of his life enjoys the luxuries of wealth, the society of numerous friends, and the pleasures of an environment of refinements.

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## EDWARD A. JEWETT.

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**E**DWARD ADAMS JEWETT, one of the successful sons of Vermont, now identified with the greatest enterprise of Chicago, was born at St. Johnsbury, July 18, 1838. His grandfather, Dr. Luther Jewett, was one of the pioneers of that town, where he officiated first as a clergyman and later as a physician. He was also a member of Congress from Vermont, elected in 1815 and re-elected in 1817. He was born in Canterbury, Connecticut, and reached the age of eighty-seven years. Ephraim Jewett, the father of the subject of this notice, was in turn a prominent citizen of St. Johnsbury, where he carried on a mercantile business. He married Miss Jane Fairbanks, a daughter of ex-Governor Erastus Fairbanks and sister of ex-Governor Horace Fairbanks—a name which is a household word in the Green Mountain State, and familiar in this and other countries in connection with Fairbanks' scales and philanthropic deeds. Mrs. Jane Jewett's grandfather was remotely of English descent, his ancestors being among the first settlers of Massachusetts. Both he and his wife lived to extreme old age, departing this life during the boyhood of Edward A. Jewett—Mrs. Fairbanks at the age of ninety-nine years. Erastus Fairbanks was born in Brimfield, Massachusetts, in 1792, and was known as Vermont's "War Governor," his second election to that office having occurred in the fall of 1860. The first election was in 1852.

The ancestry of Edward A. Jewett on both sides was of prime New England stock—a lineage

distinguished for sturdy character, industrious habits and intellectual force—and this scion perpetuates those characteristics to a marked degree. He attended the schools in St. Johnsbury, and later became a student at Phillips Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts, graduating from that famous educational institution in 1857. He then entered Harvard University, but his health having become impaired, he was obliged to relinquish his studies there at the end of the second year.

He soon after entered upon the business career in which he has since been almost continuously occupied. His first employment was with a large wholesale boot and shoe house in Boston, where he remained until 1861. He was then sent to Burlington, Vermont, to settle up the affairs of a boot and shoe store which had become largely indebted to his employers. Having adjusted this business in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to the creditors, he purchased the business of the bankrupt concern and carried on the same for four years. At the end of that period he became interested in the construction of a railway from Swanton, Vermont, to St. John's, Quebec, which subsequently became a part of the Vermont Central system. From 1866 to 1870 he was in the service of the United States Government as deputy collector of internal revenue at Burlington, Vermont, after which he engaged in the book and stationery business at that place for three years.

In 1873 Mr. Jewett became a resident of Chi-



cago, and in July of that year he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Chicago division of the Pullman Palace Car Company. On the 1st of June, 1874, he was promoted to the office of Division Superintendent, and held that position until April 1, 1888, when he was appointed Assistant General Superintendent of the company, a position which he still capably fills. This high and responsible position was given to him in recognition of his merits and qualifications. This important trust involves in its operations millions of dollars, under a method so thoroughly systematized that the checks and balances must tally to a cent. The vast system managed by the Pullman Palace Car Company extends throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, its domain being so broad as to be almost incomprehensible—all under the sagacious superintendency of this quiet and unpretentious gentleman, whose hand is felt and recognized as being constantly at the helm. He has been the recipient of many evidences of the high regard in which he is held by the heads of this great corporation.

In 1870 he married Miss Jennie M. Hubbell, of Charlotte, Chittenden County, Vermont, a member of an old and highly-respected family,

the daughter of S. W. and Polly Hubbell. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jewett in Chicago is the seat of pleasant hospitality, where their friends are always sure of cordial welcome.

In his social and fraternal relations Mr. Jewett occupies an enviable position. He is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Washington Lodge, Burlington Chapter and Council, of Burlington, Vermont; of Chevalier Bayard Commandery, Chicago; and Boston (Massachusetts) Consistory. He served one year as Deputy Grand Master of the State of Vermont, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter for two years, and Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery for one year. He was an early member of the Sons of Vermont in Chicago, and one of the vice-presidents of that society in 1894. He is a staunch supporter of Republican principles of government, and in 1872 and 1873 he served as aide-de-camp on the staff of Gov. Julius Converse, of Vermont. His bearing is uniformly courteous and dignified, and inspires the confidence and regard of all who come in contact with him. He can have the proud satisfaction of knowing that it has been to his own capacity, diligence and careful observance of the highest rules of business that his uniform success is due.

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## GOTTLIEB MERZ.

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**G**OTTLIEB MERZ. Among the self-made and patriotic citizens of Chicago of foreign birth, is the subject of this biography. His ancestors were among the prominent people of Menziken, in the canton of Aargau, Switzerland, and he does honor to his lineage. His grandfather moved from that city to Erlach, Canton Berne, where his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Merz, were born. Jacob Merz was a carpenter, and

passed his whole life in the pursuit of his occupation at Erlach.

Gottlieb Merz was born at the last-mentioned place on the 14th of October, 1838, and attended the public schools of his native place until he was fourteen years old. He was then apprenticed to a cabinetmaker and became a journeyman two years later, at the age of sixteen. After this he worked at his trade in several of the Swiss cities

bordering on the Lake of Geneva, such as Neufchatel, Locel, Lucerne, Vevey and Morges. He was also employed for some time in the principal city of Geneva.

At the age of twenty-four, possessed by that spirit of enterprise which has made the American Nation pre-eminent in the world's progress, he determined to settle in the western world, and came direct to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After working six months in a cabinet shop there, he went into a factory employed in the manufacture of picture frames, mirrors and show cases, and after being there two months, was made foreman and had charge of a large business.

Mr. Merz became a resident of Chicago in 1865, and was employed for two years by Stotz & Wolz, makers of cabinet ware. In 1867 he established his present business—the manufacture of cigar boxes—which has grown under his energetic and judicious care to enormous magnitude. His first shop was in the old Turner Hall on Kinzie Street, where, in 1871, he lost everything in the great fire. The North Side residents did not suppose the devouring element would cross the river from the South Side, until it seemed to leap over all along the river front, and Mr. Merz was surrounded, like many others, before he could make arrangements to save anything, and was glad to escape with his family to a place of safety. After this disaster he set cheerfully to work to repair his losses, as far as possible, without wasting any time in repining. He began on Twenty-second Street, whence he removed in June, 1872, to North Franklin Street. His business continuing to grow until he was again compelled to move, he built the brick buildings now occupied by him at 209 to 215 Superior Street, in 1879. Here he turns out daily five thousand cigar boxes, beside from one to two thousand other light packing boxes. The establishment is equipped with the latest improved machinery, much of which is the result of Mr. Merz' inventive genius.

Mr. Merz is the founder and builder of his own fortune, and his example is commended to the youth of the land. His success is the result of no sudden turn of fortune, but to the persistent

pushing of his enterprise, which is the only real "luck" in the world. Sometimes a fortune is rapidly accumulated, but an examination of the case will show that, with rare exceptions, the foundation of such success was laid by long years of patient preparation which fitted the individual for seizing the opportunity when it came. Mr. Merz labored patiently many years at his trade to secure a start in the way of a small capital and a business experience and knowledge of the English language, which fitted him for the prominent position he now holds in the business world of Chicago, that typical city of American enterprise.

While he has been energetic in business, Mr. Merz has also fulfilled his duty to society. He has long been an active member of the Grutli Society, an organization of Swiss-born citizens, of which he was treasurer for ten years. He is a member of the Schweitzer Mænnerchor, the North Side Turners' Society, and was for many years identified with the Sons of Herman. He holds membership in Miethra Lodge, No. 410, in the Masonic Order, beside that of the Consistory and Shrine of the same order. In religious faith he adheres to the German Lutheran Church, and has usually affiliated with the Republican party in matters of public policy.

Mr. Merz was married, in 1864, to Miss Josephine Boppert, who is a native of St. Gallen, Switzerland. Two sons and a daughter of this family died in childhood. The living are, Emilie, widow of Henry Kallemberg; Louise, Mrs. Charles Stierlin; Edward G., who is associated with his father in business (the firm now being G. Merz & Son); and Lily, still in the home of her parents. All reside in Chicago.

By his uniform courtesy and fair dealing, Mr. Merz has won the confidence and good will of all with whom he comes in contact, and he is unanimously voted one of the most popular of the North Side citizens. He has never aspired to public station, but has been content to fill his place as a gentleman among his fellows and at his own fireside, where he is the center of conjugal and filial regard.

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*H. M. Wilmarth*

## HENRY M. WILMARTH.

HENRY MARTIN WILMARTH was born January 25, 1836, at Newport, Sullivan County, New Hampshire, a son of Jonathan Monroe and Lucy Wilmarth (*nee* Cheney). He was educated at Kimball Union Academy, situated at Meriden, New Hampshire, which was a preparatory school for Dartmouth College. Coming to Chicago in the early days of 1856, he began active business life in the employ of Gerould Brothers, dealers in gas fixtures, an old house on Clark Street, opposite the present site of the Court House; and upon the death of the senior member, acquired and succeeded to the business, under the style of H. M. Wilmarth, which he increased to very considerable proportions. After his demise, his younger brother, Thomas Wilmarth, who for a period of years had been associated with him, became and is at present the owner of said business, located at No. 225 State Street, in a valuable structure owned by the subject of this sketch at the time of his death.

Mr. Wilmarth was one of the projectors and incorporators of the Chicago First National Bank, that pillar of financial strength through all panics and monetary trials, of which he remained a Director from its inception to the date of his demise. Speaking of his long connection with that corporation, one of its present leaders was pleased to use the following language: "When the final record of the old First National comes to be made up, it will plainly be seen, that no one stood higher in financial acumen or wiser in management-counsels during its first quarter of a century than Henry M. Wilmarth."

The brevity of this narrative, to the many who knew the subject of this article, will appear strangely incongruous, in the light of remem-

brance of his exceedingly long and prominent service in our midst as a man of noteworthy affairs. But perhaps this apparent discrepancy will partially disappear, in the future light of that general knowledge that Mr. Wilmarth was a very modest and unassuming man; alas, further, that such was the pertinacity and concentration of the business genius which he undoubtedly possessed that he allowed himself to engage seriously in but a few matters; but whatever he embarked in was worthy and invariably successful.

His lifelong Republicanism was rewarded, unsought, by election to the responsible chair of Alderman during the Civil War. He was a member of several clubs, among them, the Chicago and Calumet; but he never in his life joined any secret society. In spiritual views, he was both liberal and honest, being one of the first to assist in the organization of Central Church, where, together with his family, he was, from the time of the coming of the late lamented David Swing to the South Side, an habitual attendant upon services.

Mr. Wilmarth, like so many of our active business men, was fond of his outings and rustic summer life with rod and gun. He was a prized member of that club which owns a preserve at Marquette, Wisconsin, where many an enjoyable month was spent, recruiting from the arduous labors of exacting city life. Indeed, it was owing to exposure, following a railway accident, returning from one of these trips, that we are obliged to chronicle the beginning of his decline in health. His end, which was sudden, for one who had always enjoyed good health, came February 27, 1885. The obsequies were conducted by the late Rev. David Swing, and interment

was made at Graceland Cemetery. And so passed away in the very height of his powers and reputation one of the worthiest of the fathers of Chicago.

The possessor of many noble traits, perhaps that which more than any other was instrumental in conspiring toward his advancement was his natural tact for managing and planning ahead for men. He carried command in his bearing. As instancing how rapidly this faculty accomplished its end, old friends still recall his action upon that eventful morning of the Chicago Fire, when by his house on the South Side, at whose very step further destruction in that direction was stayed, he called to his assistance a handful of neighbors, and set to work with saving energy an engine, which had been abandoned by its crew, after long and even perilous service. Many believed that by this move the fire was stayed at this point; but Mr. Wilmarth never in his life alluded to it in any boastful terms, or in any way to make a listener believe he had done anything more than an ordinary deed. And small indeed it was to his dauntless mind.

The subject of this sketch was married May 21, 1861, to Miss Mary Jane Hawes, a daughter of Capt. Shubael and Nancy Blackmer (Smith) Hawes, of New Bedford, Massachusetts. Mrs. Wilmarth, prominent in social and charitable functions, survives her lamented husband, living with the still surviving daughter of the children she bore him, as follows: Fanny Hawes Wilmarth, born October 21, 1863, died December 12, 1863; Stella Wilmarth, born August 28, 1865, died September 28, 1885; Anna Hawes Wilmarth, born January 27, 1873, unmarried, and a student, at present writing, in the University of Chicago.

The American Wilmarths are of Norman-French blood, descended from one who in early times settled near Wantage, Berkshire, England; a later branch went into Wales, where in ancient times, they maintained a feudal castle. The patronymic, which was "Wilmot" under the "Conqueror," is still kept by the English stock; but was changed by the Welsh branch to the present "Wilmarth." Their coat of arms is:—Argent, on a fess gules, between three eagles' heads erased sable reaked of the second, an uni-

corn couchant, between two *fleur de lis*. From the latter branch came the progeny emigrating to this country, in the forepart of the eighteenth century, which settled at the old homestead town of Attleboro, Massachusetts.

While not as distinguished as some families, the numerous persons descended are of uniformly sterling integrity, and the men very successful in business life. In Revolutionary times, they filled the posts and played the part of heroes; many of them, remnants of the survivors, being upon the pension rolls. In fact, the very last person to be killed in that War of Independence was a Captain Wilmarth, who was killed in the final skirmish a few miles out from Charleston, South Carolina, and singularly enough, his being the only fatality.

Henry M. Wilmarth was a son of Jonathan M. Wilmarth, who married Lucy Cheney, and lived at Newport, New Hampshire, where he was, during a long and useful career, a bank director, county treasurer, selectman and recruiting officer. Daniel Wilmarth was the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, living at Newport aforesaid, where he was a farmer and mechanic; his wife being a Nancy Monroe, of Rehoboth, Massachusetts. John Wilmarth was great-grandfather; he married Phebe Briggs, of Massachusetts, and removing from the ancestral seat of Attleboro, went to the said Newport by the aid of "blazed trees" for a trail, representing the ninth family to settle in that town.

Mrs. Wilmarth's father, Capt. Shubael Hawes, was a son of Shubael Hawes, Sr., who died in 1802 at Charleston, South Carolina, he being (probably) a son of Benjamin Hawes, who married a Miss Dorcas Smith. The last-named was a daughter of Benjamin Smith, who married Miss Jedidah Mayhew a daughter of Rev. Thomas Mayhew, a son of Gov. Thomas Mayhew.

Mrs. Wilmarth's mother, Nancy Blackmer Smith, came from Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, being a daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Hulsart, of New York) Smith; the Smith line, which is of Edgartown and neighboring towns on Martha's Vineyard, runs as follows: Ebenezer Smith, a son of Ebenezer Smith, son of the Ben-



jamin Smith who married Miss Jedidah Mayhew, and had the Dorcas Smith above spoken of as the paternal grandmother of Mrs. Wilmarth. The second Ebenezer Smith married Mrs. Jane Claghorn Mears, daughter of John Claghorn, a son of James Claghorn, a son of James Claghorn, who married Mary (or Mercy) Mayhew, daughter of Gov. Thomas Mayhew. [The conspicuous intermarriages are probably largely due to the insular nature of Martha's Vineyard, with the emphasized isolation imposed upon the early colonial settlers.]

The said Thomas Mayhew, in 1671, was made "Governor of the islands of Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and all others embraced within the limits of Duke's County as originally constituted."

Rev. Thomas Mayhew, only son of the Governor, when about twenty-one years of age, entered upon the work of preaching to the aborigines in 1643, about three years before his more widely

distinguished co-laborer, John Eliot, known as the Apostle to the Indians. He took passage in November, 1657, in a large ship, of four hundred tons burden, James Garrett, Master, bound from Boston to England; but the ship was never heard from after leaving port.

The above mentioned Benjamin Smith, Esq., was chosen Representative to the General Court in 1693, 1703 and 1713; was constable in 1701; and selectman in 1693, 1696-97, 1702 and 1703.

The oldest Ebenezer Smith was born in 1700, and was a selectman in 1738 and 1739.

His son, Ebenezer, Esq., was born in 1734, and was a housewright and a man of considerable local influence; was selectman in 1773-74-75, 80-81-82-83, 1790 and 1794.

The said Benjamin Hawes was one of a committee of five in 1719 to consider the matter of building the meeting house for the town. He was a selectman for 1711 and 1712.

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## EZRA T. SHEDD.

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**E**ZRA TWITCHELL SHEDD, a commercial traveler, who has been identified with the business of Chicago for nearly thirty years, was born at Norway, Maine, May 11, 1837. He is the third child born to John S. and Sally (Coffin) Shedd, and represents the sixth generation of one of the oldest and most respectable American families, as shown by the following record:

Daniel Shedd, a native of England, settled at Braintree, Massachusetts, in 1642. About fifteen years later he removed to Billerica, Massachusetts, where the balance of his life was doubtless spent. He was a man of sterling character and determination, qualities which have been impressed upon his posterity, as illustrated by the

fact that of four thousand whose history has been traced, none were ever convicted of misdemeanor. Over forty of his descendants are known to have participated in the Revolutionary War. He was the father of five sons and six daughters, of whom the third son, Zachariah, born 1656, was three times married and had seventeen children. Several members of this family were massacred by the Indians, at Billerica in 1692. Five sons of Zachariah Shedd grew to maturity, of whom the youngest, Benjamin, born 1724, had four sons and one daughter. His third son, Lemuel, born 1762, served seven years in the Revolutionary War. He was one of General Washington's life guards, endured all the hardships of the encampment at Valley Forge and was employed much of

the time on scouting duty. During the Burgoyne campaign he was sent from Washington's headquarters with an express order to General Gates. Passing through a country infested with tories, he was in constant danger of his life, and one time was obliged to abandon his horse and run through the woods to escape capture. He took shelter behind a sheet of water which fell over a precipice, leaving a space in which his body could be concealed. After his pursuers had passed he resumed the journey on foot and succeeded in delivering his message.

In 1788 Lemuel Shedd became one of the first settlers of Norway, Maine, where Joseph Stevens built the first house in 1786. He married Ruth Simonds, a descendant of Samuel Simonds, a prominent Puritan of Boston. They had four children, three of whom grew up, namely: Nathaniel P., Abigail (Mrs. Joseph Holt), and John S. The last named lived and died upon a farm in Norway. He passed a peaceful, uneventful life, and was never involved in litigation of any kind. He first married Miss Alice Noyes, by whom he had two children—Clarissa wife of Francis Blake, of Laramie, Wyoming; and Ward Noyes, who lost his life during the Kansas Border War in 1857. After the death of his first wife Mr. Shedd married Miss Sally Coffin, a native of Conway, New Hampshire. The names of their children are, Augustus F. of Chicago; Alice Augusta, widow of Moses Rolfe, now living on the old homestead at Norway, Maine; Ezra T.; and John Wesley, who died in infancy. Sally Coffin was a daughter of James Coffin, and her mother was a daughter of Phœbe (Richardson) Stevens.

James Coffin was a descendant of Tristram Coffin, who settled at Salisbury, Massachusetts, in 1642. As early as the fourth century the Coffin family had extensive estates in Normandy. Sir Richard Coffin, knight, accompanied William the Conqueror to England in 1066, and the manor of Alwington, in Devonshire, was assigned to him in recognition of his services. His descendants were prominent knights through several succeeding reigns. Tristram Coffin was born at Brixlin, near Plymouth, England, in 1605, and married Dionis Stevens. A few years after coming to

Massachusetts, he became one of a party of ten who purchased Nantucket Island from the Indians. The original deed is still preserved in the family. He and his sons at one time owned one-fourth of the whole island. He transacted much important public business for the settlers, and was a man of affairs. Of his numerous descendants many were Quakers, among them Levi Coffin, of Newport, Indiana, the so-called "president of the underground railroad," and the original "Uncle Phineas" of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The number also includes two admirals of the British navy and a number of eminent Americans, among them John G. Whittier, Lucretia Mott and Carleton Coffin, the journalist and historian of Boston.

Ezra T. Shedd was named in honor of Ezra Twitchell, of Bethel, Oxford County, Maine, the husband of Betsey Coffin, who was a sister of James Coffin. In 1856 he left home and came to Illinois, locating at Aurora, where he engaged in mercantile business. In 1868 he removed to Chicago, which has since been his residence and business headquarters. During this time he has represented several of the leading wholesale houses of the city, and was for ten years employed by one concern. Since 1888 he has served the interests of Sweet, Dempster and Co., in Illinois. He has also been successfully engaged in building houses for sale for some years past. He was married, in 1863, to Helen Scarritt, daughter of the Rev. Josiah A. Scarritt, of Sandwich, New Hampshire. The lady was born at Warren, New York, and died in Chicago, June 16, 1894, at the age of fifty-three years. She possessed marked literary ability and was recognized as one of the greatest female parliamentarians of the West. Her life was largely devoted to philanthropical labors. She was a charter member and first vice-president of the Philosophical Society, the nucleus of all the literary societies of the city. She was a charter member and at one time president of the Woman's Club, and for many years served as chairman of the reform committee of that organization, which was largely instrumental in securing the apprehension and conviction of the notorious Chicago "boodlers." Through an address



delivered before the County Board, she secured the appointment of the first lady physician on the staff of the Cook County Insane Asylum. She was also identified with the Fortnightly Club, serving repeatedly as its secretary, and for ten years was president of the Physiological Society. At the United States Woman's Congress, held at Denver in 1889, Mrs. Shedd read a paper entitled "Woman in Affairs," which attracted much attention throughout the country. She was a charter member of the Saracen Club, and was an indefatigable worker in every field devoted to the advancement of modern progress and reform.

Mr. Shedd is liberal in religious views. He is the first vice-president of the Sons of Maine, and has been for years actively identified with the Saracen Club, the Sunset Club and the Philosophical Society. He has always voted with the Republican party on State and National issues,

but is independent in municipal and judicial elections. He is a moderate protectionist, believes in the maintenance of a stable and honest currency and an economical administration of the government. He is a careful student of American history, and his far-sightedness has enabled him to foretell many important political events. Soon after the beginning of the Lincoln-Douglas senatorial campaign, he predicted that Mr. Lincoln would be the next President of the United States, a forecast which was received with much skepticism by his associates. He also predicted the nomination to the presidency of R. B. Hayes immediately after his triumph over "Bill" Allen in the contest for the Ohio Governorship. Mr. Shedd is a gentleman of genial, open character, and enjoys the friendship of a large number of leading citizens throughout the Northwest.

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## ROBERT A. KINZIE.

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**R**OBERT ALLEN KINZIE. The history of Rome will never be considered complete without the story of Romulus and Remus; the history of New England will always find its most interesting chapter that which tells of the Pilgrim fathers; and the history of Chicago will always begin with the account of the Kinzies and Whistlers. These were the earliest of the pioneers of the settlement which has developed into the present city of Chicago. The father of John Kinzie, our early pioneer, was a Scotchman; his name was John McKenzie, and he lived at Quebec, and, lastly, at Detroit, where he died. The wife of this gentleman, we are told in "Wau-bun," was Mrs. Haliburton, whose daughter by her previous marriage was mother of the late General Fleming and Nicholas Low, of New York. Mr. Kinzie (the name was contracted to Kinzie because of its constant mis-

pronunciation in this country) at his death left a widow and a son, John Kinzie. The widow married William Forsythe. John Kinzie, son of the above John McKenzie, is said to have been born in Quebec in the year 1763, but lost his father in infancy. The step-father and mother removed to New York, and, finally, to Detroit. John Kinzie acquired some knowledge of the business of a silversmith, which occupation he followed in connection with his trade with the Indians. He early entered the Indian trade and had establishments at Sandusky, Maumee, and afterward pushed west, about 1800, to St. Josephs.

He had been doing business in Detroit from 1795 to 1798. He was a grantee of lands from the Ottawa Indians. In the year 1804 he took up his residence, as sutler, at the post of Chicago—the first entry in his books bearing date May 12 of that year. He remained here until after



the Chicago massacre, August 15, 1812, his family escaping unharmed by the Indians on account of the universally kind and courteous treatment accorded to them by the Kinzies, whose friendship for the Indians had always been true and unswerving. No more emphatic statement of the regard of the Indians for the Kinzie family could be made than that "the Indians had not attacked Fort Dearborn the autumn preceding the massacre out of regard for one family—that of Mr. Kinzie." The years between 1812 and 1816—the latter being the date of the return of the family to Fort Dearborn—were spent in Detroit.

John Kinzie married Margaret Mackenzie, a native of the vicinity of Pearisburgh, Virginia, who, together with her sister, was captured by the Indians about the time of the American Revolution, when she was eight or ten years old. Three children were born of this marriage, namely: William, James and Elizabeth Kinzie. John Kinzie and his wife afterward separated, and each married again. Mr. Kinzie's second wife was Mrs. Eleanor (Lytle) McKillip, and from this marriage are descended the subject of this sketch and others. The oldest of these, John Harris Kinzie, afterward Colonel Kinzie, was the husband of Juliette A. Magill, a very elegant and accomplished woman, who gained the reputation of a graceful and intensely interesting writer, which the volume, entitled "Wau-bun, the Early Day in the Northwest," clearly proves. This couple came to live in Chicago in 1833, and the advertisement of John H. Kinzie, forwarding and commission merchant, appears in the Chicago *Democrat* of that year. Colonel Kinzie filled successively the offices of Registrar of Public Lands, Collector of Tolls of the Illinois Canal at Chicago, and Paymaster in the United States Army, which latter position he held at the time of his death in 1865. He was one of the founders of St. James Episcopal Church, and a valuable member of the Chicago Historical Society, which he helped to organize.

The other members of the family were: Eleanor, who became the wife of Dr. Wolcott, of Chicago, and after his death married George C. Bates, of Detroit; Maria, who was the wife of that gal-

lant soldier, Gen. David Hunter, of the United States Army; and Robert, of this sketch, the youngest.

On his arrival in Chicago in 1804, with his family, John Kinzie took possession of the cabin lately occupied by Le Mai, a French trader, who succeeded the builder of the cabin—Baptiste Point de Sable, the first settler on the site of Chicago. This historic structure stood on the north side of the river, and has been stated to have been one hundred feet east of the present Pine Street, near Michigan Street, and occupied a portion of the quarter section taken up by Mr. Kinzie, which to-day is worth millions of dollars. Kinzie's occupation of silversmith, or his paying the natives in silver, caused them to name him Shaw-nee-aw-kee, meaning silver man, and after his death this title descended to his son John. The house of John Kinzie was the first hotel in Chicago, for travelers were entertained there. It was the scene of the first marriage, for here his daughter, Eleanor, was wedded to Dr. Alexander Wolcott, Sunday July 20, 1823. It was, probably, the first court house in Chicago, for Mr. Kinzie was commissioned a Justice of the Peace December 2, 1823, and he doubtless held court at his residence. Mrs. Eleanor Kinzie died in 1834.

Robert A. Kinzie, son of John and Eleanor, was born in Chicago, February 8, 1810. He was a child two and a-half years old, but he could remember, as he told in 1872, sixty years after the battle of Chicago, of the family returning to their old home again, and also the circumstance of his father's cutting a ball from the arm of Mrs. Heald, immediately after the massacre. After a four years' absence the family were again at their old home in Chicago.

The only public school education which he seems to have received was at Detroit. He thus describes his return, overland, from that point on horseback: "Ten days was the distance, and, in company with a couple of half breeds I started, supplied with rations for the whole journey. We were five days out, and our provisions were out also. We ate faster than we traveled. When we came to a stream of any ambition we had to con-

struct a raft to cross it. Hungry and tired, we reached Coldwater, Michigan, then known as Nagg's Trading Post. Nagg was out of everything but cake sugar, and so we stayed our stomachs with that, and would doubtless have died of surfeit of sweetness, but for the fact that one of the Indian boys shot twenty-three pigeons. We ate all at one meal, and reached Chicago heaven knows how."

In 1825 Mr. Kinzie was sent to Prairie du Chien, where he took a position as clerk in the post agency, then conducted by Dousman. John Kinzie, then head clerk, later became agent, and Robert Kinzie succeeded to his place. The latter returned to Chicago in 1827 and in the following year went to Detroit. Returning, he was employed by Captain Leonard, sutler at Fort Winnebago, where he remained six months, but was recalled to Chicago by the death of a sister. From 1825 to 1840 he remained mostly here, including several years in trade at Wolf Point. Early in the year 1832 he erected a store, which was the first frame building in Chicago, except one—that is, the Government structure built by William Caldwell. Mr. Kinzie sent to Du Page for carpenters to build it, and the builders were two old deacons.

Mr. Kinzie became a member of the firm of Kinzie, Davis & Hyde in the year 1835. They were dealers in hardware. In 1840 he moved to a farm at Walnut Grove, Illinois, where he remained three years. In 1845 he was at Des Moines, and thence went beyond the Missouri River to trade with the Indians. He was located at Uniontown, on the Pottawattomie reservation, and later at what is now Greenwood, on the reservation of the Sacs and Foxes. He and his brother-in-law both owned farms, upon which they laid out the town of Burlington, Kansas, named in honor of the birthplace of the subsequent proprietors of that town. In May, 1861, he was appointed Paymaster in the army, with the rank of Major, and remained in the service until the time of his death, December 13, 1873. From 1861 to 1864 he was in Washington, District of Columbia; from 1864 to 1868 in Santa Fe, New Mexico; and was then ordered to Chicago, where

he was Paymaster on General Sheridan's staff. Major Kinzie was a very powerful as well as active man. His death, caused by heart disease, was very sudden. He breathed his last at his residence on Thirty-fifth Street, Chicago. It may be truly said of him that he was a man of sterling character and honesty. While his life presented no brilliant succession of great achievements, he deserves a testimonial to his honesty and fidelity in the performance of his duties as a citizen and public officer.

In 1834 Mr. Kinzie married the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Col. William Whistler, an early pioneer, who saw placed or laid the first palisades and timbers of Fort Dearborn. Her grandfather, Captain John (afterward Major) Whistler, the builder and commandant of the first Fort Dearborn, was an officer in the Revolutionary Army. From the time of its construction until 1811 he was in command of the post of Chicago, but left a year before the massacre. He died at Bellefontaine, Missouri, in 1817.

William, son of Major John Whistler, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, about 1784, and at the time of his marriage (in May, 1802) was a Second-Lieutenant in his father's company, then stationed at Detroit. The maiden name of his wife was Julia Ferson. She was born in Salem, Massachusetts, July 3, 1787, and her parents were John and Mary (La Duke) Ferson. In childhood she removed with her parents to Detroit, where she met her future husband. In the summer of 1803 Capt. John Whistler, Mrs. Whistler, their son George W. (then three years old), Lieutenant Whistler and his wife came to Fort Dearborn. After five years' sojourn here, Lieutenant Whistler was transferred to Fort Wayne, having previously been made a First Lieutenant. He distinguished himself at the battle of Maguago, Michigan, August 9, 1812, was in Detroit at Hull's surrender, and with Mrs. Whistler, was taken prisoner to Montreal; was promoted to Captain, December, 1812, to Major in 1826, and Lieutenant-Colonel in 1845. He died in Newport, Kentucky, December 4, 1863, having rendered sixty-two years' continuous service in the army. In the fall of 1875 Mrs. Whis-



tlar visited her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Kinzie, in Chicago. Surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she was found in good health and in the full possession of her faculties, both intellectual and physical, though over eighty-eight years old. Her appearance indicated that she had been a woman of tall form, and verified the truth of the common report that in her earlier years she had been a person of surpassing elegance. She died at her home in Newport, Kentucky, at the age of ninety-six years.

The fifth child of Colonel and Mrs. Whistler was born at Green Bay, July 20, 1818, and given the name of Gwinthlean Harriet. In 1832 Lieutenant (now Captain) Whistler was again stationed at Fort Dearborn, and here his daughter met and married Robert Allen Kinzie, the flourishing, and, indeed, the only merchant at that time in Chicago. Mrs. Kinzie died on the 9th of September, 1894, while on a visit at the home of her son in Omaha. At the time of her death she was the oldest resident of Chicago, except Alexander Beaubien, whose biography will be found on another page of this volume. Miss Eliza Allen Starr, in speaking of her, says she was "of a majestic height and carriage, classical head and features; the expression charming and ingenuous; her soul never losing its enthusiasm and her generosity bounded only by her means." She was spoken of as the "Beautiful Gwinthlean," and to their mansion Mr. Kinzie and his charming wife called around them the choicest and best of Chicago's society, which numbered among its members many enterprising young scions from the most highly educated families of the East. At the time of her death nine of Mrs. Kinzie's children were still living.

Gwinthlean, the eldest of these, is now the wife of Dr. William Manson, of Burlington, Kansas; Maria is the wife of Gen. George H. Stewart, who was a distinguished officer in the Confederate Army, and is at present a resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Maj. David H. Kinzie, of the United States Army, educated at West Point, is stationed at the Presidio, San Francisco, California; Julia Whistler is the widow of the late William B. Parsons, whose biography appears

elsewhere in this volume; Marian, now the wife of John Sneden, resides with him in Algiers, Africa; Capt. John Kinzie, of the Second Infantry, United States Army, stationed at Fort Omaha, was appointed Second Lieutenant by President Grant in 1872.

Frank X. Kinzie, born in Chicago on the 4th of April, 1854, was educated at Barre, Vermont, and in the public schools of Chicago. He was in the office of his father at Chicago for a time, and in 1876 was appointed Second Lieutenant by General Grant and assigned to the Twentieth United States Infantry. He joined his command at Fort Pembina, Dakota, and spent four years on the western frontier. He was second in command of the Gatling battery in the expedition against the Sioux in 1876, and was within a day's march (fifteen miles) of the fatal field where the massacre of Custer and his command took place. At the close of that campaign he married Miss Julia F. Mallory, daughter of the late Herbert E. Mallory and his wife, Lucy (Wakefield) Mallory. He resigned his command January 1, 1879, after having spent some time on the Texas frontier. The following twelve years he was with the firm of Mallory & Brother. He has six children, namely: Claude F., Percy, Earle D., Homer B., Harold and Frank X., junior.

Walter Henry Kinzie, born March 16, 1857, at Burlington, Kansas, then a frontier town in the Indian country, received his education in the public schools, at the College of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, and the Jesuit College of Chicago. At the age of eighteen he was appointed to a place in the Water Department of Chicago, and subsequently entered the employ of B. F. Stauffer, a prominent Board of Trade operator. In 1882 he was with H. E. Mallory & Brother, and later with Martin Brothers, stock commission merchants. Since 1885 he has been in the office of the Union Stock Yards & Transit Company. On the 24th of January, 1885, he married Miss Fanny Kintz, daughter of Stephen Kintz, an early settler of Ottawa, Illinois, and now a resident of Chicago. Miss Nellie D. Kinzie resides with her brother at Fort Omaha.



## WILLIAM C. MAGILL.

**W**ILLIAM CHARLES MAGILL, a business man of Chicago, residing at Evanston, was born in Buffalo, New York, June 14, 1850. He is a son of Charles J. and Esther S. Magill, extended notice of whom appears on another page of this work.

William C. Magill was about four years old when the family came to Chicago. His primary education was obtained at the Skinner School of this city, and he afterward took a course at Immanuel Hall, a military school at Ravenswood, now a part of Chicago. Leaving school at the age of seventeen years, he entered his father's office as clerk and cashier. The name of the firm at that time was Magill & Latham, but it afterward became Magill & Hall. He was subsequently connected with other commission houses, dealing "on change," and in April, 1874, became the representative on the Board of Trade of the insurance firm of George C. Clark & Company. He continued to be the solicitor and manager of the marine department of this concern for some years. As his time was not all occupied in this manner, he began to devote a portion of his attention to fire insurance. Since 1880 he has given almost exclusive attention to fire underwriting, being successively a member of the firms of Magill & Nichols, George W. Montgomery & Company and Magill & Chamberlain. The last-mentioned firm, which was organized October 1, 1889, is one of the leading concerns among the

many engaged in that line of business on La Salle Street.

On the 12th of November, 1873, Mr. Magill was married to Mary C. Montgomery, daughter of Robert Montgomery, a prominent shipper and vessel-owner of Buffalo, New York. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Magill, Robert, the eldest, is a clerk in his father's office, and the names of the others are: Esther, Irving, Laura, Marion and Eunice. The members of this family are regular communicants of St. Mark's Episcopal Church at Evanston, which suburb has been their home since 1874.

Mr. Magill is prominently identified with the Masonic order, holding membership with Evans Lodge, Evanston Commandery and Oriental Consistory. At different times he has been associated with several other social and fraternal organizations, but is not now in affiliation with any. A life-long adherent of the Republican party, he has never been a seeker for public patronage. In deference to the wishes of his friends, he served for four years as a Trustee of the village of Evanston, but has peremptorily declined to accept the office of Alderman since the incorporation of that place as a city. His career has been one of activity and enterprise, and he is accustomed to dispatch business with readiness and decision. All who have occasion to call upon Mr. Magill in relation to business or social matters are certain to receive just and considerate attention.

## REV. MYRON W. HAYNES, D. D.

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REV. MYRON WILBUR HAYNES, D. D., pastor of the Englewood Baptist Church of Chicago, was born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, on the 1st of January, 1855, and is a son of Elnathan and Sarah (Wheeler) Haynes, who were natives of the same State. The paternal grandfather was also born in Massachusetts, and was of English descent. The father of Dr. Haynes was a farmer, and died in the Bay State when Myron was a child of eight years. The mother, who is still living, is now the widow of L. Holt, and makes her home in Ayer, Massachusetts. To Mr. and Mrs. Haynes were born nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: Alfred, deceased; Rev. Edwin M., D. D., a minister of Rutland, Vermont; Nathan J., who was a member of the Twenty-second Massachusetts Sharpshooters and lost his life during the Civil War; Alonzo J., deceased; Sarah H., deceased, wife of George F. Parker, of Shirley, Massachusetts; Melissa A.; George H., who belonged to the Fifty-third Massachusetts Infantry and died during the war; Amanda M., wife of Leonard Spaulding, of Ayer, Massachusetts; and Myron W.

Our subject was reared in Lunenburg and Royalston, Massachusetts, until about seventeen years of age, and acquired his early education in the district schools. He afterwards attended Belleville Academy, of Belleville, New York, and completed his academic course in Colgate Academy, at Hamilton, New York, after which he was graduated from Colgate University. When his literary education was completed he at once

entered upon the work of the ministry, his first charge being at Frankfort, New York. He was afterward at Marblehead, Massachusetts, and Kalamazoo, Michigan, and in 1888 came to Englewood, where he was one of the prime movers in the erection of the large and handsome edifice known as the Englewood Baptist Church, which has a membership of one thousand. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Shurtliff College, of Alton, Illinois, in May, 1893.

On the 20th of June, 1879, Dr. Haynes was united in marriage with Miss Florence G. Felt, daughter of Warren and Eveline (Alexander) Felt, who were natives of New York. Three children have been born to them: Carey Dana, Ethel Ada and Arthur Stanley. In his political views, Mr. Haynes is a Prohibitionist.

The *State Republican* of Lansing, Michigan, in speaking of the dedication of the new Baptist Church on the 18th of March, 1894, said: "Rev. M. W. Haynes, D. D., who delivered two powerful sermons at yesterday's dedication, is one of the finest pulpit orators ever heard in Lansing. There are orators who are not leaders of men; they are simply mouthpieces, and whatever power they possess dies with the sound of their voices. There are leaders who are not orators, though, as Carlisle has said, they must possess a certain powerful eloquence, however rude or halting their speech. Dr. Haynes is at once an orator whose culture and scholarship does not refine away the convincing logic and the inspiring eloquence that proclaim a high purpose and a single aim of im-

mediate and practical value. He is a graduate of Hamilton College and has filled successive pastorates at Marblehead, Massachusetts, Frankfort, New York, and Kalamazoo, Michigan, with conspicuous and increasing success. In 1888, he was called to the Baptist Church of Englewood, and his first sermon there was delivered to a congregation of less than a hundred. In two years his people had outgrown the old church and had constructed under his leadership one of the finest churches in Chicago, which is weekly packed to its utmost capacity. His church now numbers one thousand members, and his congregation is usually more than double that number. This phenomenal growth is indicative of the magnetic

power of leadership Dr. Haynes possesses and which is established in numerous practical works covering a wide field of activity. In fact, Dr. Haynes' religion is one that is emphatically practical. In proof of this a number of gentlemen who are not members of his church, convinced of the power and practical character of Dr. Haynes' sermons, have formed a company to publish an undenominational journal, *The Plowshare*, for the special purpose of publishing weekly Dr. Haynes' morning sermons. Such a tribute is rarely received by any minister. *The Plowshare* has been published one year and has attained a remarkable popularity, the subscribers including those of different churches and of no churches."

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## WILLIAM MCGREGOR.

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**W**ILLIAM MCGREGOR is a gentleman in whose life is seen the reward of patient industry and wise business management. He was born on the 11th of March, 1826, and the place of his nativity is the parish of Sorbie, Gallowayshire, Scotland. There his father, Dugald McGregor, born in 1788, was a farmer. The latter died in Gallowayshire in 1850, at the age of sixty-two. His wife, Mary (Shaerer) McGregor, was the daughter of Daniel Shaerer and Ann McKnight, his wife. Daniel Shaerer was an attorney of character at Whithorn, Wigtonshire, Scotland. Mrs. McGregor came to America in 1850, and died in Waukesha, Wisconsin, in 1887, at the age of eighty-four years.

Dugald McGregor, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, held the position of greave (manager), and had charge of the farms of the Laird of Glasserton. Until eighteen years old

William McGregor spent his time upon his father's farm, and attended school, where he picked up a fair knowledge of the fundamental principles of an education. From his eighteenth to his twentieth year he was at Nottingham, England, engaged in learning the dry-goods business in the store of a relative; but, finding the employment uncongenial, he abandoned it. Sailing from Liverpool in the ship "John Bright," he found himself, seven weeks later, April, 1847, in the city of New York, at the cost of ten pounds, three shillings for passage. After a short visit with relatives there and being dissatisfied with the outlook for business, he went to Newburg, New York, where he found former schoolmates, and engaged in learning the trade of stationary engineer in the Washington Iron Works. Three years later, having completed the trade, he took charge of the machinery of J. Beveridge, brewer, with



whom he remained until April, 1861. The subsequent four years he was in the employ of the Washington Iron Works, where he had the supervision of five hundred men or more, engaged in shipping and setting up machinery. His just and fair treatment of all won him the good-will of his subordinates, and he was the recipient of many marks of esteem, among them a gold watch presented to him by them on the occasion of his leaving the establishment.

In April, 1865, Mr. McGregor was induced to go to Oil City, Pennsylvania, where he started a machine-shop on Oil Creek. He also engaged in oil speculations, and at the end of 1867 had lost all of the savings of years of hard work. He next turned his attention to Chicago, and settled here in the summer of 1867, engaging in the business of buying and selling second-hand machinery, having a few men by whose aid he rebuilt and repaired machinery, but having no power.

Here the natural ability and energy of Mr. McGregor showed itself, and in a quiet yet vigorous manner he set out to win back what he had lost by speculation. Year by year he enlarged his business. The Great Fire came but did not reach his establishment. Business was greatly stimulated by the immense local demand that event made for goods in his line. In 1872 Mr. Terwilliger became a partner in the concern, and in 1884 it was incorporated under the name of W. McGregor & Company, Mr. McGregor owning a majority of the stock and becoming President. In 1875 the machine-shop was transferred from Canal Street to Nos. 53 and 55 South Clinton Street, one block away, where it occupies a building fifty-seven by one hundred and fifty feet in dimensions, a portion of which is three stories in height. The work of manufacturing steam boilers was begun in 1875, and the boiler factory at the intersection of Carroll Avenue and Francisco Street now requires a shop two hundred by four hundred and twenty-five feet, besides other buildings.

In 1852, at Newburg, New York, Mr. McGregor was married to Miss Ann Wilson, daughter of Jacob and Amelia Wilson, both natives of Orange County, New York. There were five children

born of this marriage, namely: Douglas J., now manager of the boiler works of W. McGregor & Company; Mary Ellen, the wife of Charles D. Willard, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles, California, who has one child, named Annie; the second daughter, now deceased, late wife of Virgil Kinzie, a wool merchant of Chicago; William G., who is engaged in business with his father; and Walter Herbert, who died at the age of twenty-one years in California, where he had gone on account of his health.

Mrs. McGregor's death occurred in July, 1876. She was a faithful wife and mother, a sincere Christian, and reared her children in the paths of sobriety, honesty and uprightness. Five years later, Mr. McGregor was wedded to Mrs. Maria Pike, widow of Meshick Pike, of Bloomington, Illinois. She survived only five years after this marriage, and died in New Mexico, while returning from California with her husband. June 2, 1886, Mr. McGregor was united in marriage with his present wife, Maria L. Peugeot, daughter of Lemuel H. Flershem, and widow of Edward Peugeot, biographies of whom appear in this work.

In politics Mr. McGregor is a Republican, but is not oblivious of the shortcomings of his own or any other political party. In the last city election he was an earnest worker for George B. Swift, who is his personal friend. He is a leading spirit in the Illinois Club, of which he has been a member since its early days.

He joined the Union Presbyterian Church of Newburg, New York, in 1848, and for fifteen years was an active member, and for some time an Elder, in that organization, and for ten years Superintendent of its Sunday-school. After coming to Chicago he was a warm supporter of Dr. Swazey and an Elder in his church, the Ashland Avenue Presbyterian. He now worships at the Third Presbyterian Church.

Mr. McGregor has lived a busy life and success has come to crown his labors. He has a large circle of personal friends, who are warmly attached to him, and his home at No. 692 West Madison Street is an exceedingly happy one.

## GEORGE B. CARPENTER.

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**G**EORGE BENEDICT CARPENTER was born in New York City July 14, 1845, going thence in boyhood to his grandparents' home upon a farm near Goshen, New York State, where early development took place and his entire academic schooling was obtained. During the Civil War he continued to live there, being engaged in a store; thereafter going to Philadelphia to travel for a local house, to sell its paper upon commission.

He came to Chicago about the beginning of the year 1866, in his twenty-first year, being helped by an uncle, Charles Tappen, then General Freight Agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, to a position with that corporation, in the capacity of freight clerk, in which duties he busied himself the following two years. Then, not finding this occupation congenial, he selected journalism, at a lesser income, commencing as reporter on the *Chicago Republican*. After another two years of faithful service here he became associated with another periodical, *The Interior*, on which a speedy reward of merit advanced him to the chief position as its managing editor, which duties were performed up to the date of the Big Fire. *The Pulpit*, a short-lived weekly, which had for its motive the printing of noteworthy sermons of the previous week, was a creation of his brain; but did not meet with deserved support, and was discontinued. But all this time he was feeling his way; associates had not yet come to recognize his strength.

At this juncture came the inspiration destined to give superb tone to his accomplishments and a worthy home in our city to the Muse. The Star Lecture Course, as planned by himself before the reconstruction of burned theatres, was instrumental in bringing the best lecturers and concert companies to our midst for several years; these entertainments being at first given in two places, namely, the Union Park Congregational

Church on the West Side, and the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church on the South Side. The firm of Carpenter & Sheldon was continued after this had grown to be unprofitable upon the rebuilding of old and new playhouses, but turned its attention to the handling of real estate. In 1878 Mr. Carpenter developed mentally his grand scheme for the building of Central Music Hall, which after two years of unwearying energy was an assured success through enlisting the financial aid of leading capitalists. This fine building, now erected at the southeast corner of State and Randolph Streets, is to-day the noblest, most enduring monument standing to the memory of this young enthusiast, whose white heat of action so young in life consumed his usefulness, and whose handsome features, reproduced by the sculptor Volk, now grace one of its halls.

On Friday, the 7th of January, 1881, Mr. Carpenter was called away from a prosperous earthly life, after but a brief illness occasioned by overwork. Obsequies were held in Central Music Hall, to whose creation he had devoted so much of his last years, and which was the pride of his heart. Loving hands did every beautifully graceful act that could be performed to make the final services touchingly memorable. The since lamented Rev. David Swing delivered the funeral address, which was listened to with rapt attention by the *elite* of our city. The opportunity offered by the demise of one so popular passing away in the height of young powers was the means of inspiring that gifted divine with a sympathetic eloquence rarely heard. During the impressive ceremony Mr. Swing made use of the following exquisite language:

"Rarely has there come into this world a young man so full of the study and love of the public.  
\* \* Youth forgot all selfish pleasures and honors, forgot that accumulation of money which blinds and consumes so many; forgot the pleasures



of food and drink; forgot the peace of the evening fireside, that it might toil for what pertained to mankind. \* \* He has fallen the victim of his own impassioned nature. \* \* He gathered up many years into a few, and compelled us to weep to-day the tears which should have been long delayed. \* \* It remains for me to say farewell to the most useful of all our young men."

His remains were taken to Rose Hill, followed by sincere benedictions of multitudes to whom the results of his work had brought happiness. Those who best knew honored him, while respect and affection were universally entertained for him.

Among the organizations making formal acknowledgement of their loss, were the Apollo Club, the Central Music Hall Company, and the Press Club; the resolutions of which last, being of unusually graceful significance, are reproduced *verbatim*:

"The Chicago Press Club, having learned with sincere sorrow of the death of George B. Carpenter, formerly a member of the journalistic profession in this city, desires to place upon record its appreciation of his many noble qualities. During his journalistic career he won the esteem of his associates; and, had he remained in the profession, his abilities would have enabled him to attain a high position in its ranks. As an amusement manager he achieved success because of his indomitable energy; and in all his career as a manager he catered only to the highest and purest taste, and thus became a public benefactor. As a citizen he was remarkable for his public spirit and enterprise; as a man he was lovable and beyond reproach; as a companion he was eagerly sought; and we who knew his many virtues mourn him deeply and sincerely.

"The sympathy of the club is hereby extended to the family of our departed friend, who has left to them the richest legacy a husband and a father can leave—the memory of a true man."

Mr. Carpenter married, May 25, 1870, Miss Lucy A. Boone, a daughter of Levi D. Boone, M. D., whose wife was Louisa M. Smith, both her parents being very early and esteemed residents of Chicago. Three children greeted their every way congenial union:

Marion Louise Carpenter, born in 1872, educated at Miss White's private school of this city, and upon the violin, being given the superior advant-

ages of the "Hoch Schule" of Berlin, Germany, under the distinguished Prof. Emanuel Wirth;

Susie Tappen Carpenter, born in 1874, also a graduate of Miss White's school; with the added accomplishment of painting, acquired at the Berlin (Germany) School of Art during the family tour abroad.

George Boone Carpenter, born May 7, 1879; now attending the famous Armour Institute of Chicago, where he already evinces marked bias toward the profession of architecture.

Mrs. Carpenter was born January 30, 1852, in this city, and was educated at the Dearborn Seminary, where before graduation she developed rather remarkable vocal talent, which, unfortunately, later exacting duties have conspired to repress. From the time of her husband's death in 1881, she became the agent and secretary of the Central Music Hall Company, with which she continued in that business relation of great demands and personal responsibility for the full period of ten years, having been the lessee of the hall all the said period. Resigning therefrom in 1891, she took her family to the European Continent for a period of two years, wintering in Berlin and dividing the summers among various places of advantage, that the incalculable benefits of both travel and study might fit her children for adorning the more elegant, refined walks of life. Returning to her ever-dear America and the metropolis of her nativity, she at once became deeply interested in musical matters, having acted most efficiently during the last two preceding years as President of the Chicago Amateur Musical Club, one of the conspicuous associations of its kind in the country, being able to boast of a membership of six hundred. Previous to her incumbency of this chair she had been serving upon its Executive Committee.

For the first thirteen years of her married life, the family residence was upon Michigan Avenue, but the cozy home which now welcomes through its portals representatives of our city's *elite* is located at No. 3222 Lake Park Avenue, surrounded by choice neighbors and overlooking that ever changeably interesting panorama of the harbor of Lake Michigan.



Mrs. Carpenter comes rightly by her talents, being the direct descendant of two distinguished old American families, the Rathbone and the Daniel Boone. Of the former we are able to glean the following very satisfactory account from a volume of genealogy published years ago, and which, we are glad to note, is now about to be brought down to the present generations:

Rev. William Rathbone is the first of that name found in the United States, about the year 1637; he was an author, and not in accord with the prevailing doctrines of the Massachusetts Colony, as appears from the Historical Collection of that state.

John Rathbone, Senior (probably a son of the preceding), of Block Island, Rhode Island, was elected Freeman May 4, 1664, and was one of the sixteen original purchasers of that island from Governor Endicott. In 1676 he was a Surveyor of Highways; in 1682, 1683 and 1684, Representative in the Rhode Island General Assembly; in 1686, one of the petitioners to the king in reference to "*Quo Warranto*;" in 1688, one of the Grand Jury of Rhode Island; and in 1689 narrowly escaped the hostilities of the French, who pillaged the island and bore his son into captivity. He married and had eight children, the third being,

John Rathbone, Junior, who married, January 10, 1688, Ann Dodge, and had eight children, the fourth being

Joshua, born February 9, 1696; married, February 16, 1724, Mary Wightman, daughter of Valentine Wightman, of Groton, Connecticut, by

whom he had twelve children, their fourth being

The Rev. John Rathbone, born June 26, 1729, near Stonington, Connecticut; he married, January 8, 1751, Content Brown, daughter of Humphrey Brown, by whom he had thirteen children, their eldest being

John Rathbone, born October 20, 1751, in Canterbury, Connecticut; died March 14, 1843; one of the most distinguished merchants of New York City. He married, in 1775, Eunice Wells, in Westerly, Rhode Island, and had eleven children, of whom the sixth was

Clarissa Harlowe Rathbone, born in Stonington, Connecticut, November 19, 1787; married, June 6, 1808, in New York City, to Theophilus Washington Smith, who was born in that city September 28, 1784, and was an incumbent of the Supreme Bench of the State of Illinois for twenty-five years, during which time he never had an opinion reversed; the writer of several valuable judicial treatises. His parents emigrated from Europe in 1761, his father being a native of Dublin, Ireland; his mother, a native of London, England. They had nine children, of whom their fourth was

Louisa Matilda Smith, born in New York City June 25, 1814; married in 1833, at Edwardsville, Illinois, Levi Day Boone, who was born in Fayette County, near Lexington, Ky., December 8, 1808, and died in Chicago, January 24, 1882. They had eleven children, and their third was

Lucy Adeline Boone, the present Mrs. George B. Carpenter, and representative of the ninth Rathbone generation in America.

## GODFREY MACDONALD.

GODFREY MACDONALD has been identified with the railroad interests of the United States for more than forty years, and is one of the best known of the many men connected with that line of business. He is a native of Scotland, a land whose sons have been instrumental

in no small degree in developing the industries and shaping the destinies of the Western World. His father was William Macdonald, of Ballyshear, near Campbeltown, County of Kintyre, Argyleshire, who came to America with his family in 1844. After a few years' residence in Canada he

returned to his native land, where he was appointed Professor of Natural History at the College of St. Andrew's in Fifeshire, and held that position until his death, which occurred in January, 1875, at the age of seventy-six years. In 1820 he married Miss Jane Blair, of Doonholm, on the "banks and braes of bonnie Doon." They were the parents of six sons and five daughters, of whom Godfrey is the sole survivor, and the only one who became a resident of Chicago. The two youngest brothers of the latter died in India, after an active service of over thirty years in the British army, a period which included the famous Indian Mutiny. These were Col. William Macdonald, of the Twelfth Regiment, Bengal Native Infantry, who died at Sihchar in 1884; and Maj. Lorne Macdonald, of the Thirty-fourth Regiment, Bengal Native Infantry, who died at Agra in 1883.

Godfrey Macdonald was born in January, 1829, at Ballyshear. He was educated at Edinburgh, in the high school and the Edinburgh University, but left there at the age of fifteen years to accompany his parents to Canada. Their residence was in the neighborhood of Niagara Falls, Ontario, until 1850, when he returned with the family to Scotland. Two years later, however, he again came to Canada and engaged in business at Grimsby, near Hamilton, Ontario.

In 1853 he made his first trip to Chicago, and continued to visit this city at intervals until 1857, when he and his family became permanent residents. At that date he was appointed Assistant Agent of the Grand Trunk Railroad at this place. From 1859 to 1863 he was engaged in the cattle and distilling business in central Illinois. At the latter date he was appointed Contracting Freight Agent of the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad, which was eventually absorbed by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. He continued his connection with these corporations as General Western Freight Agent until 1876, when he resigned to accept the same position, with charge of their export freight business, with the Michigan Central & Great Western Railroads. In 1881 he was appointed General Through Freight Agent of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Michigan Railroad, with headquarters

at Milwaukee. Resigning in 1883, he was appointed General Agent of the Union Pacific Railroad in Chicago. This position he also resigned in 1884 to attend to personal business in Colorado. In November, 1887, he returned to Chicago and accepted a position with the "Nickel Plate" line, with which he has since been employed, and at present occupies pleasant offices in the Traders' Building.

There is probably no other man in Chicago, if there is in the United States, who has become so thoroughly familiar with the transaction of freight business as Mr. Macdonald. He has applied himself to the development and mastery of its details with all the vigor and enterprise which characterize his race in its undertakings. In 1871 he published a volume of foreign freight and premium tables, showing comparative measures of capacity and value. It is useful in facilitating the transaction of foreign freight business, and these tables have come into general use by railroad men all over the United States and Canada, by many of whom he is characterized as the "father of the export business of America."

In 1853 Mr. Macdonald was married to Miss Mary Blackwell, eldest daughter of Dr. John Harrison Blackwell, a prominent physician of Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Of the four children born to them, two died before reaching mature years, and the survivors are Charles Blair, Vice-President of the banking house of Tracy, Macdonald & Company, of Chicago; and Godfrey H., First Lieutenant of the First United States Cavalry, now stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Mr. Macdonald has been for thirty years past a member of Christ Church of Chicago, and is one of the most active members of St. Andrew's Society, of which he was President for two years. He has been identified with the Chicago Board of Trade for more than thirty years, and has been a member of the Chicago, Washington Park and other popular clubs. He has acquired an extensive acquaintance, not only among railroad officials, but including many of the leading business men of the nation, and may be justly termed one of the representative citizens of Chicago.



## ALEXANDER H. DARROW.

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ALEXANDER HAMILTON DARROW is one of those gallant men, now residing in Chicago, who cheerfully gave their time and services in defense of the Union when treason threatened its destruction. Though he spent about three years with the Federal army, and was exposed to constant dangers, he has never applied for a pension nor received aught for his services except the regular pay of all volunteers.

His progenitors for more than a century past had been conspicuous for their patriotism and disinterested public spirit. The Darrow family is of English origin, and was one of the earliest to locate in Rochester, New York. John Darrow, grandfather of Alexander, who was a blacksmith by trade, while a young man helped to forge an immense chain which was stretched across the Hudson River to impede the passage up that stream of British war vessels. James, the son of John Darrow, settled on a farm in Orleans County, New York, which he cleared of the primitive forest. About 1856 he removed thence to Clarendon, Calhoun County, Michigan, where his death occurred in 1884, when nearly eighty-four years of age. His wife, Mary Milliken, died there in 1880, at the age of seventy-five years. She was born in Peterborough, New Hampshire, and represented one of the earliest families of that commonwealth. Her grandfather participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Milliken, who is well remembered by the subject of this sketch, lived to the age of ninety-seven years, her death occurring in Clarendon, New York. Alexander Milliken, a son of this couple and the father of Mrs. Darrow, became an

influential farmer in western New York. His wife, Sally Nay, was a daughter of a Continental soldier who also fought at Bunker Hill. Mr. and Mrs. James Darrow were devout Presbyterians, and were distinguished for their devotion to principle. Their children were: Elizabeth, Mrs. A. C. Hopkins, of Homer, Michigan; Charles E., now a business man of Chicago; Russell; Alvira, Mrs. I. L. Winn, also of Chicago; Alexander H.; Sally Ann, Mrs. L. A. Harris, of Marshall, Michigan; James Henry; and John H. The last two are engaged in mercantile business at Homer, Michigan. All the members of this family are still living except Russell T., who enlisted in 1861 in Company M, Second Michigan Cavalry, and for his gallantry was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. The three years' term for which he enlisted had expired, and he was offered a Major's commission as an inducement to re-enlist. This he declined, but volunteered to remain with his company for a few days, and during this time he was killed at the battle of Franklin, Tennessee. James Darrow had been a conservative Whig, as opposed to the Abolition wing of his party, but upon the outbreak of hostilities between the South and the North became a staunch supporter of the Government, and three of his sons, Russell T., Alexander H. and James H., became soldiers in its defense.

Alexander H. Darrow was born at Clarendon, Orleans County, New York, November 20, 1841, and was educated at an academy at Holley, New York, and another at Homer, Michigan. In August, 1862, he enlisted and was assigned to Company M, of General Sheridan's old regiment,



the Second Michigan cavalry. This regiment was employed on the skirmish line at Rienzi, Mississippi, when he joined it as a recruit, and for the next year and a-half he was almost constantly engaged in that line of duty. At the end of that period he was detailed as military book-keeper under Gen. Sooy Smith, Chief of Cavalry on General Grant's staff, with headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee. When General Sherman succeeded to the command of this army, he continued in the same capacity, but, having been granted a furlough at the time of the memorable march to the sea, he did not accompany that expedition. Upon his return from furlough he was stationed at Louisville until the close of the war.

During the first part of his service, Mr. Darrow helped to form a detail of two hundred and fifty cavalrymen which escorted a wagon train loaded with supplies for the army from Gallatin, Tennessee, to Cave City, Kentucky. Upon arriving at Glasgow, toward evening, he and his comrades who composed the advance guard were surprised to find the town occupied by General Morgan with about six thousand Confederate cavalry. After a hurried consultation, the little band of Federals determined to charge the enemy, and attempt to run their wagons through the town, a design which was quickly and successfully carried out. They had no more than passed the outskirts of the city, however, before the enemy recovered from their surprise and confusion, and, discovering the weakness of the wagon escort, fiercely pursued the train along the road to Cave City, to which point it escaped under cover of a relief party sent to its rescue, though about fifty Federals were captured. Mr. Darrow had his clothes riddled with bullets during the first charge, but escaped without wounds. He became separated from his command, and his horse, which was lame, stumbled and fell, throwing him heavily to the ground. This accident caused a temporary lameness, which prevented his escaping on foot, and he was captured and marched back to Glasgow. During the excitement and confusion of the evening, he managed to elude his guards and, under cover of the darkness, he made his way out of town and reached a farmhouse, where

he was kindly sheltered for a few days until he was able to travel. His host had a brother-in-law who was a Captain in Morgan's force. Mr. Darrow finally reached the Union lines at Mumfordsville, where he was warmly welcomed by his brother and other comrades, who had given him up for dead, as the other prisoners had been paroled and returned to camp several days previously.

In 1868 he came to Chicago, and soon after entered the employ of the Republic Insurance Company. Beginning as a clerk, he was promoted to the position of cashier of the company, which was the only Chicago insurance company which paid in full the losses sustained by the great fire. Its policy-holders received three and a-half millions of dollars. In 1872 he became the state agent of the Agricultural Insurance Company of Watertown, New York, with which corporation he has ever since been identified. Since that time the premiums received in this state have nearly doubled, and for twenty-two years past he has been the General Agent for the Western Department, which now includes ten states. The offices of this branch have been for two years past in the Security Building, and under his able management the business has always been progressive, profitable and satisfactory.

In November, 1867, Mr. Darrow was married to Miss Susan C. Johnston, daughter of William Johnston, of Marshall, Michigan, an early settler of that place. Mrs. Darrow is also a sister of Col. Thomas W. Johnston, of the Second Michigan Cavalry, who was for some years subsequent to the war a resident of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Darrow are the parents of five children, the two eldest sons being employed in connection with their father's business. Their names are: William H., Robert Lee, Zoe, Chrystal and Alexander H., junior.

Mr. Darrow is a member of the Illinois Club, the Masonic fraternity and Columbia Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He supports the Republican party, though never an active politician. His life has been one of quiet, unostentatious industry and sobriety, and all who enjoy his acquaintance accord him the highest respect.

## FRANCIS M. BUCK.

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**FRANCIS MARION BUCK.** Among the self-made men of Chicago—that city embodying the most wondrous aggregation of human energy, perseverance and enterprise and their results—is found the subject of this notice. He was born on the 30th of July, 1855, in Germantown, Tennessee, and is the second child of Edwin Gorum and Sophronia Melvina (Harrall) Buck. The family is an old one in America, of undoubted English origin, but little is now positively known of the time of its planting here. Frederick Buck, father of Edwin G., was born in Pitt County, North Carolina, in 1793, and died in Henderson County, Illinois, in 1871. Edwin G. Buck was born January 31, 1823, in North Carolina, and his wife, October 12, 1830, in Tennessee. They were married in the latter State November 7, 1850. Only two of their nine children are now living, most of them having died from the effects of la grippe, and all having passed away within recent years. Following is the record of their birth: Cornelius, October 12, 1851, and Mary Ellen (now living, married), May 12, 1858, in Tennessee; Sarah M., September 21, 1860, in Southern Illinois; Louisa D., May 15, 1864, and Etta S., October 18, 1866, in Henderson County, Illinois; Eddie, March 11, 1869, in Tecumseh, Kansas; Irvin, January 23, 1872, and Alice, March 25, 1874, near Topeka, Kansas. From Tennessee the father of this family removed to Illinois, living for a short time near Golconda, whence he removed to Henderson County, in the same State. In October, 1868, he moved to Kansas by team, and after living a short time in Tecumseh he took a homestead in Dover, near Topeka, where he now resides, at

the age of seventy-two years. His faithful helpmeet and companion passed away in June, 1894, in her sixty-fourth year.

Francis M. Buck was in his ninth year when his parents came to reside near Oquawka, Illinois, and his education, as far as school attendance goes, was completed in the grammar school of that place before the removal of the family to Kansas. When he was about fourteen years old he left home and has since maintained himself. From a humble sphere of life he has risen to a position of great responsibility in the management of one of Chicago's largest enterprises. His father prophesied, on his leaving home, that, on account of his positive and determined character, he would either make a great success or a complete failure. His first employment was in a livery stable in Topeka, where he was engaged by Silas Rain. His first care was to make himself useful, and with such energy and tact did he proceed that he was placed in charge of the barn at the end of two months, and remained in that position over two years. Returning then to Henderson County he was employed by the month as a farm hand by Lewis Duke, of Rozetta, with whom he remained during the summer most of the time, until his removal to Chicago in January, 1879. In the mean time he found employment in winter in the village of Oquawka.

On his arrival in Chicago Mr. Buck began to look for employment, with varying success. In March, 1880, he engaged in the manufacturing department of the Western Toy Company, at \$4.50 per week. Within three months his salary was raised to \$7, and later to \$10. In the mean time he purchased a membership in the night



school of the Bryant & Stratton Business College, and on resigning his position with the Toy Company at the end of a year, he attended the day sessions of the business college for several months. His next engagement was with Sprague, Warner & Co., wholesale grocers, being placed in charge of their branch warehouse at 39 River Street, where he continued nearly a year. He now resigned to engage in business on his own account. In partnership with H. Jaeschke, a practical butcher, he purchased a meat market at Division and Moore Streets, and immediately took charge of the business management, and in a short time built up from a small patronage a flourishing trade among the best people of the North Side. When his partner undertook to supply their customers with inferior meats, a dispute arose, and Mr. Buck withdrew from the firm, disposing of his interest at a handsome profit on his original investment.

When he took employment with the Chicago Telephone Company, Mr. Buck became associated with employers who soon recognized his ability and appreciated his conscientious efforts to succeed. He was first placed in charge of its American District Telegraph office at 515 Wabash Avenue, with four messengers. In nine months he had so extended the business that it required eleven messengers, and he was then transferred to the main office of the district business, at 118 La Salle Street, with the position of assistant manager. His effort to improve the service here resulted in a strike of the messengers. This he speedily overcame, with the result that the service was improved and the business became at once more profitable to his employers. Soon after this he was appointed assistant superintendent of the American District Telegraph in Chicago, and after a few months general agent, in charge of all its contract work in the messenger, burglar-alarm and watch service. After discharging the duties of this position for a year, he was made contract agent of the Chicago Telephone Company for the city of Chicago, and six months afterward his territory was extended to include its entire field of operations, reaching out about seventy-five miles in every direction from the city.

His responsibility was again extended, at the end of one and one-half years, when he was given entire charge of rates as well as contracts. Some idea of the growth of the business of this concern may be gained from the statement that when Mr. Buck became contract agent there were twenty-five hundred subscribers, while there are now more than ten thousand in the city alone. His practical experience in various subordinate positions made him familiar with the remotest detail of the business, and he is now able to perform more work, and in a much more satisfactory manner at the same time, than one not having had the benefit of a similar training. In this connection it may be mentioned that he was never discharged from any position which he undertook to fill, but has always made himself a useful and profitable assistant to his employers. He is an affable, genial gentleman, and always finds time to be courteous in the midst of a busy and responsible life. He is a member of the Union League Club and the Art Institute, and a Deacon of the Englewood Baptist Church—one of the largest congregations in the city. In political strife he has usually acted with the Democratic party.

In August, 1880, Mr. Buck married Miss Nettie A. Russell, who was born in Dundee, Illinois, January 5, 1862. One child is the result of this union, born in April, 1881, and named Bessie Rue Rose Buck. Mrs. Buck's parents, Ruell D. Russell and Sarah A. Wilbur, were born, respectively, January 22, 1821, and May 11, 1837, and were married November 1, 1855. Mrs. Nettie A. Buck died April 15, 1886.

Mr. Buck was again married, this time, June 30, 1887, to Miss Mollie K. Duke, who was born at Rozetta, Henderson County, Illinois, June 4, 1864. Mrs. Buck's father, Lewis Duke, was born in England on the 30th of December, 1832, and her mother, Fannie King (Coghill) Duke, in Henderson County, Illinois, December 23, 1842.

The history of the Coghill family in England and America is an interesting and well-authenticated one. The founder, so far as the records show, was John Cockhill, who lived in the castle



of Knaresborough, in the County of York, during the reigns of Richard III. and Henry IV., between 1377 and 1413. Either he or his only heir changed the name to its present form, and it thus appears in all the records of marriages, baptisms and burials in Knaresborough Church. The records show a will, dated October 9, 1585, made by Thomas Coghill, of Tentergate, in the township of Scriven, and parish of Knaresborough, who was the eldest son of Marmaduke Coghill. The family was prominent in military and naval affairs. Three fell in battle—one in Africa, one in Europe, and the third in America. One served with distinction in Asia, and another was vice-admiral on the high seas.

Benjamin C. Coghill, grandfather of Mrs. Buck, was born in Carolina County, Virginia, in 1826, and died in 1880. The records of the family, in his handwriting, show that a son of Thomas Coghill, Sr., left England in 1664 and settled in Essex County, Virginia, where he died in 1685. In 1764 a portion of Essex County became merged in Carolina County, Virginia, in which precinct the father and grandfather of Benjamin C. Coghill, William and Thomas Coghill, Sr., respectively, were prominent citizens. The children of Benjamin C. Coghill were Benjamin C., Millicent E., Fannie K. and J. W. Coghill. Mrs. Buck is a worthy descendant of her noble ancestors, and the congenial wife of a worthy husband.

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## JOHN NAPER.

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**JOHN NAPER.** If New Germany, like New England, is a part of America, surely its capital is not far from our chief metropolis, Chicago, in the fair state of Illinois. Like the early settlers Down East, most of our Teutonic citizens first come among us with limited means, but with a determined will to do and become something respectable, and often honorable. As a race very industrious, sober, healthy and intelligent, they soon prove their right to enjoy in the highest sense the full responsibilities of American freemen; we therefore frequently find those of the second and third generations have become some of our best educated, richest and most influential leaders in both private and public life.

One of these early Germans was born at Hanover in the year 1814, his name being John Naper, the subject of this sketch, who, as one of Chicago's early settlers, and the father of children who already have proven their abilities as representative citizens of the United States, is entitled

to have the worthiest facts of his useful life preserved herein for the benefit of future generations.

Mr. Naper's father was a Catholic, while his mother was a Lutheran. He himself, as often happens, finding his chief strength in the faith of his maternal ancestor, became a conscientious Lutheran, and was for long years preceding his death a member of St. Paul's Church of that denomination in this city.

Coming to America in 1842, he directly made his way to Chicago, and the following year consummated a real-estate transaction which will suffice to keep his offspring in comfortable circumstances for many years to come. It is hard for one, looking at Chicago as it is to-day, to fully realize the village (nothing more) which greeted the eyes of those earlier comers; and thereby hangs the circumstance which enabled those of foresight, within the span of a single lifetime, to become wealthy, by the simple method of holding

to a moderate piece of land. In the spring of 1843 Mr. Naper bought, for the very small price of \$200, two-thirds of the block of real estate now in the center of activity upon the North Side, and within three squares of the great Newberry Library. It is situated between Rush and State Streets, and Walton and Delaware Places, but at that time was without highways, even without survey, being a portion of the old Canal Lands. This right he acquired from a Norwegian named Johnson, who had it direct from the Government. Mr. Naper held it to the time of his death, when it was peaceably subdivided among his large family. A small part of it, at the southwest corner of Rush Street and Walton Place, is now occupied by that magnificent family hotel, The Majestic.

On this block, on the Rush Street side, in the '40s there was a district school, which at the end of that decade was done away with, and aside from a few still remaining building sites of choice property, the ground is now entirely built over with substantial residences.

Here Mr. Naper set up his humble home soon after his arrival in America, and he clung to it with all the tenacity of those home-loving people. His first home was on Rush Street; thence he removed to the Walton Place side, where he was burnt out by the big fire of 1871, after which he constructed at what is now No. 43 Delaware Place a neat frame residence, where his widow and some of his younger children at present reside.

In the earlier days there was less of class distinction, more of common-sense, in men's relations one with another; and so, although but a market-gardener, being an honest man, he was greeted with respect by many of our most famous men, such as Judge Skinner, Cyrus H. McCormick, J. V. Scammon, John Kinzie, and others, who have, like Mr. Naper, now passed to their long home. Upon this block, Mr. Naper maintained a well-regulated, valuable market-garden, and those whose tables were supplied from the produce of his lands knew they were getting the best and purest that careful husbandry could raise. He was a quiet, peaceable, honest, industrious citizen, of the sort of stuff that best befits

men who start in to build up a new country. A staunch Republican in politics, he never sought public life, though he left a son whose services have been conspicuous in the city's annals.

For about two years prior to his death, he was a quiet but excessive sufferer from that bodily scourge, gastritis. Resigned to the will of his Maker, he passed away on the 15th of October, 1882, and was interred in the family lot at Grace-land, overlooking the lake whose sounds were such music to him in life's struggles.

Mr. Naper was twice married; first, in 1843, to Anna Stuvén, who came from Schauley, Germany (near the boundary of Holland) in that year, with her parents. They had three children, two of whom died in infancy, but Henry G. Naper, born September 30, 1848, lived to grow to an honorable manhood, connected in various capacities with the city government since he became seventeen years of age, having been Chief Permit Clerk in the Water Department at the time he was retired by Mayor Hopkins in 1894, after which he took a trip to California. He married, in 1876, Louise Deverman, of this city, by whom he has four children: Herbert J. (now in the senior class of the Chicago Manual Training School), George H., May A. A. and Erwin G.

Mr. Naper, Sr., married for his second wife Miss Augusta Catherine Dorothea Hufmeyer, a daughter of John Adam and Gertrude (Gang) Hufmeyer. She was born near Osnabruck, Hanover, and came to America with her parents when a little girl of only three years of age, first to Syracuse, but shortly to their future home, Chicago, where she was educated, and married to the subject of this sketch on the 6th of March, 1850. Nine children blessed their happy wedded life, all but one of whom lived to be a comfort to their parents. John Adam was born June 7, 1851, became a bookbinder by trade, and has considerable real-estate interests; he married Frederica Abel, July 4, 1889, by whom he has a pretty daughter, Mabel. Herman, born October 1, 1853, is yet a single man, and for long years has worked for "Uncle Sam" as letter carrier. Helen M., born April 1, 1856, married, October 19, 1886, Frank L. Smith, of this city, where he is employed as a



soliciting agent, having been for a time Government Storekeeper in early days. Mary L. was the next: Lizzie J., born July 17, 1861, married, March 29, 1887, Charles E. Barmm, Ph. D., M. D., Professor of Chemistry, Toxicology and Urinalysis of the American Medical College, of Indianapolis, Indiana. Louise W. died single, after she had grown to the flower of womanhood. Edward J., born June 17, 1867, married, April 14, 1892, Anna M. Horn, of this city; he is a book-

keeper by occupation. Amelia B. is the youngest child.

On an opposite page will be seen the honest, kindly face of Mr. Naper, which will be viewed with a proud satisfaction by his descendants for many generations to come, as they turn to this dignified source of information to learn how their first parents in America made the beginning of future prosperity to unborn hundreds.

## GEORGE W. SPOFFORD.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SPOFFORD, a well-known citizen of Chicago, was born in Peterborough, New Hampshire, August 9, 1831. He is a son of Ira and Miriam (Atwood) Spofford. The first authentic record of the Spofford family is found in the "Domesday Book," showing the allotment of lands in England to the followers of William the Conqueror in 1066. By that division this family was dispossessed of its lands, which were given to the Earl of Percy. Eleven generations of the family are traced in England, and among its members were very many prominent ecclesiastics, one of whom was Thomas Spofford, Lord Archbishop of York. The family coat-of-arms is still preserved, bearing the motto, "Rather deathe than false of faythe." Spofford Castle, in Yorkshire, is said to be the best preserved ruin in England. The earlier generations were devout Catholics, but in 1554 Rev. Bryan Spofford, a contemporary of the Earl of Canterbury, having married, refused to put away his wife and children in accordance with the edict of the church, and became a Protestant.

The first American ancestor was Rev. John Spofford, son of an Episcopalian minister, who came from Spofford, Yorkshire, and settled at Georgetown, Massachusetts, in 1634. The subject of this notice represents the eighth generation in America. His grandfather, Amos Spofford, served three years in the Continental army, entering the service at the age of fourteen years as a sub-

stitute for his father, who was drafted. When the family received notice of this conscription, a sheep was hastily shorn, and from the fleece his mother spun and wove cloth to equip him for this duty.

Ira Spofford, who was a stone-cutter and contractor, lived and died at Peterborough. While but a lad, he also entered the military service of his country, which was then engaged in the War of 1812. He was a relative of General McNeal, a prominent officer of that conflict, who afterward became Governor of Arkansas. Ira Spofford was a man of resolute character and stern convictions. In common with many of his relatives who resided in the South, he gave unswerving allegiance to the Democratic party, and could tolerate no deviation from its doctrines in his family. The names of Ira Spofford's children were William, Nancy (who was successively married to John Challis, Thomas Upton and Joseph Knowlton), Ira A., Nathan H., Miriam A. (Mrs. F. Farwell), George W., John L., Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph Alexander), and twin brothers, Albert and Alvah. Of this family but three now survive.

Mrs. Miriam Spofford's father, Jeremiah Atwood, served for seven years in the Continental army, enlisting from Chester, Vermont. During this time he had no furloughs, and was constantly in the field. After the battle of Yorktown he was honorably discharged from the service, and started for his home on foot. There being no means of public conveyance, most of the veterans were



obliged to travel in this way, and were heartily welcomed by the citizens whom they met along the way, and who were pleased to extend to them their best hospitality and hear the news from the seat of war. Among that number was Mr. Atwood's wife, whose maiden name was Bacon. All the returning soldiers who passed her door were kindly entertained, and when Mr. Atwood arrived, footsore and weary from his journey of several weeks, she failed to recognize him, but gave him the same kind and hearty welcome, at once providing him with a bountiful dinner, but was considerably surprised to find that he did not resume his journey after the repast. Her joy on discovering his identity can easily be imagined.

At the age of thirteen years, George W. Spofford left home and went to Boston in search of employment. He subsequently spent four years at Phillips Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, with a view to entering Harvard University, and completed the freshman year at Exeter. He abandoned this purpose on account of failing eyesight, and began the study of law in the office of Hon. Edward S. Cutler, of Peterborough, New Hampshire. This pursuit also proved too trying for his eyes, and, coming to Chicago in 1856, he accepted the position of Principal of the Foster School.

He acceptably carried this trying responsibility for fourteen years, retiring in 1871. Since that date he has devoted his attention chiefly to the management of his extensive real-estate interests. He had just completed a fine building at the southeast corner of Clark and Madison Streets when the fearful holocaust of 1871 swept over the city, annihilating the structure and causing a loss which at that time was a serious one. He recovered no insurance, but immediately built with borrowed capital the structure which now adorns that site. He has since erected a number of business blocks in the city, and is the present owner of considerable choice city and suburban property. Among these parcels is a fine farm near Wheaton, Illinois, dotted with several natural groves and pretty little lakes.

For four years Mr. Spofford served as County

Commissioner, during which time he was Chairman of the committee in charge of the county institutions at Dunning. For some years past he has spent his winters in the South, where he has a number of relatives who are prominent public citizens, and has acquired an extensive acquaintance throughout that section of the Union. In the interests of the management of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, he visited several Southern cities and secured their endorsement of this undertaking.

In 1859 Mr. Spofford was married to Miss Hannah M. Morrison, daughter of Orsemus Morrison, a well-known pioneer of Chicago, whose biography will be found on another page of this volume. Mrs. Spofford was born at the corner of Clark and Madison Streets, and has become the mother of five children, three of whom passed away in childhood. The others are Percy and Florence M., the latter a graduate of Ogontz Seminary, near Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Spofford are leading members of the Seventh Presbyterian Church of Chicago, and move in the best social circles. Mr. Spofford is identified with the Menoken and Ashland Clubs, and is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of National Lodge, York Chapter, St. Bernard Commandery and the Mystic Shrine. Having been reared in the atmosphere of Democracy, he cast his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan, but, upon the opening of the Civil War, he became a staunch Republican, although he incurred the displeasure—amounting almost to enmity—of his father and most of his family by so doing.

When Mr. Spofford first came to Chicago the ground now composing Garfield Park, opposite his present residence, was worth but \$9 per acre, and the present value of many other portions of the city real estate was proportionally unforeseen. He has seen Chicago successively become the rival of Milwaukee, Detroit, Cincinnati, St. Louis and New York. He is one of its most loyal citizens, considering it one of the most auspicious fields of investment in the Union, with nearly every part of which he is familiar.

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*Elliott Anthony*



## ELLIOTT ANTHONY, LL. D.

**E**LLIOTT ANTHONY, LL. D. In the career of Judge Anthony, who for twelve years honored the Bench of Chicago, the ambitious attorney may read the way to honor and success. He was born in Spafford, Onondaga County, N. Y., June 10, 1827, and is descended from Quaker ancestors, who early located in New England. Many of the members of the family acquitted themselves with credit as soldiers and officers of the Continental army. It was early in the seventeenth century that Judge Anthony's progenitor located in Rhode Island, whence his grandfather moved soon after the Revolution to Washington County, N. Y. Almost at the same time, his maternal grandfather went from Vermont to the same locality. Isaac Anthony, father of the subject of this biography, was born on Rhode Island, eight miles from the island of Newport, and early imbibed the hatred of British aggression which had been handed down by his father, on account of the abuses heaped upon him and others at the time the English and Hessian forces occupied Rhode Island during the Revolution. While residing in Cambridge, Washington County, N. Y., he met Miss Parmelia Phelps, a scion of an old New England family, and their acquaintance led to mutual affection and marriage. Isaac Anthony's mother was a member of the noted Chase family, which has given to the United States a famous Chief Justice. Shortly before the birth of Elliott, he moved to the southwestern part of Onondaga County, where he entered upon the work of clearing a farm. With such energy did he carry out this undertaking that he came to be the foremost and most successful farmer of all that region.

Elliott is the youngest of four sons in a family

including the same number of daughters, and all in turn were sent to the Cortlandt Academy, at Homer, the leading educational institution of western New York, to finish their education. Here the future judge prepared for college under Prof. Samuel B. Woolworth, a famous educator of his time. At the end of two years' study here, in the fall of 1847, he entered the Sophomore class of Hamilton College, at Clinton, N. Y., from which he was graduated with high honors in 1850. He then became a resident graduate, and took a special course in law and political economy with Prof. Theodore W. Dwight, who afterward became so highly distinguished as Dean of the Columbia College Law School in the city of New York. With his accustomed vigor and earnestness, young Anthony followed his studies and was admitted to the Bar at Oswego on the 7th of May, 1851. While pursuing his law course in company with a classmate, Joseph D. Hubbard, he took charge of the well-known Kirkland Academy at Clinton, and had for one of his pupils Grover Cleveland, now President of the United States.

Being possessed of the same pioneer spirit which led his grandfather and father to settle new regions, he resolved to begin practice in the new West, and proceeded to Sterling, Whiteside County, Ill., soon after his admission to the Bar. Returning East in June, 1852, he was married to Mary Dwight, the sister of his preceptor, and in the fall of 1852 he became a resident of Chicago, which city has been his home ever since. None have been more active in the development of the city and State than he, and in both he takes an honest pride. Chicago, as well as Illinois, was fortunate in the beginning, in the fact that the

pioneers were of good blood, the blood which has developed the best of the entire Northwest and West. Wherever the New England blood predominates, churches, schoolhouses, manufactories and highways of commerce have appeared simultaneously and systematically. With a determination to succeed in his chosen profession, Mr. Anthony began practice among the fifty lawyers who constituted the Bar of Chicago at his coming. Throughout his long and busy career, he has been a diligent worker, and in less than three years after coming here he was recognized as a leading attorney of the young city, and his rise was quite as rapid as his ambition had dared to hope. He foresaw the rise of a great city, surrounded by a tributary country of almost boundless resources, and became identified with many enterprises and projects for their mutual advantage and growth. "If a general diffusion of learning, science and the arts at this time is desirable," said he, "then the Mississippi Valley is the chosen spot for their cultivation. The generations are increasing, and the career of duty and usefulness which is to be seen by our children will be under constantly increasing excitement, and the voice which in the morning of life shall awaken a large and patriotic sympathy, will be echoed back by a community vastly swelled in its proportions before that voice shall be hushed in death."

When he arrived in Chicago, the young lawyer had no acquaintance, no influential friends to push his claims to attention, and no capital save individual ability and merit, which won him recognition. During his first year's residence in Chicago, he compiled, with the aid of his devoted wife, "A Digest of the Illinois Reports," which was soon after published and received with great favor by the profession throughout the State. In 1858 he was elected City Attorney for Chicago, and distinguished his administration of that responsible office by the energy and ability with which he conducted the legal business of the city. He became an expert upon all subjects of municipal corporation law, and was for several years specially retained by the city authorities to conduct many important cases in the local courts, in

the Supreme Court of the State, and in the United States Supreme Court at Washington. While acting for the city he established several new and interesting law points, among which was that the collection of special assessments could not be enjoined by a Court of Chancery; next, that the city of Chicago could not be garnisheed to collect the salary or wages of any of its officers or employes; and lastly, that no execution could issue against the city to collect a judgment; and at a later period, that the city could not tie up its legislative powers by making contracts with the gas companies for the supply of gas, so as to interfere with its legislative prerogatives. These positions were at the time so novel that they were for a time gravely doubted by the most eminent members of the legal profession, and many of the newspapers subjected him to the severest ridicule; but he was upheld by the highest tribunal in the State on every point, and they are now fixed and settled as the law of the State.

In 1863 he was appointed the General Attorney and Solicitor of the Galena Union Railroad Company and all its branches, then the leading railroad corporation in the Northwest, and for many years held that position, until, in fact, the consolidation of that company with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company was effected. A contest arose over this consolidation, and he was shortly after retained by a number of the bondholders and non-consenting stockholders to test the validity of the consolidation, and in connection with that case prepared and printed a most remarkable argument upon the law of the case, which grew into a treatise, which he entitled, "The Law Pertaining to the Consolidation of Railroads," which is unquestionably the most complete and exhaustive treatise upon that subject ever made. It is a marvel of legal research and of acute reasoning, and is a most learned and clear statement of the rights and duties of directors of corporations and the rights of minority stockholders, and called forth the admiration of corporation lawyers throughout the country. The late Samuel J. Tilden was directly interested in the questions involved, as well as many of the leading capitalists and railway mag-



nates in New York, and the array of legal talent was formidable, the late Judge Beckwith leading the opposition to Judge Anthony. The case was tried in chancery before Judge David Davis, of the United States Supreme Court, and the late Samuel J. Treat, United States District Judge for the Southern District of this State, and Mr. Anthony's position was sustained in almost every particular. The differences of stockholders were shortly settled out of court, however, thus avoiding a legal decision, which could not fail to favor Judge Anthony's clients. At this time Mr. Anthony received numerous letters from some of the most distinguished lawyers and judges in this country, complimenting him upon his masterly exposition of the law. Among these were the late Josiah Quincy and Sidney Bartlett, of Boston; Mr. Justice Swayne, of the United States Supreme Court; the late Thomas A. Ewing, of Ohio, and many others. His brief, which was in the shape of a bound volume of several hundred pages, was in great demand in this country and in Europe, and was most kindly reviewed by several of the leading legal periodicals and journals in Great Britain.

In the last two conventions for the revision of the constitution of the State, in 1862 and 1870, Judge Anthony served as a delegate. In the convention of 1862, Mr. Anthony's colleagues were Henry Muehlke, Hon. John Wentworth, and Melville W. Fuller, now Chief Justice of the United States. In both conventions, Mr. Anthony took a leading part, being regarded as one of the most expert members upon constitutional law and methods of procedure. In the convention of 1870 he served on the Executive, Judicial and Railroad Committees, reporting many of the provisions of the present constitution relating to those matters. He was instrumental in providing for Appellate Courts and additional judges in Cook County, when the public business required it. Whenever he spoke in the convention, he commanded attention, and always spoke to the point, clearly and forcibly.

Judge Anthony was one of the founders of the Republican party in Illinois, and was a delegate to the first convention of that party in Cook

County. He took a conspicuous part in the third-term movement in 1880, and was a delegate in the National Convention which nominated Gen. Garfield for President. In the fall of that year he was elected Judge of the Superior Court of the city of Chicago, and re-elected six years later, filling the position twelve years with dignity, impartiality and expedition of public business. He was the founder of the Chicago Law Institute, having drawn the charter and visited Springfield twice at his own expense to secure its passage by the Legislature, and was three times made President of the Institute. He has been an extensive traveler, both in his native country and over Europe, and the reviews and periodicals of this country have been often enriched by his observations. His ripe scholarship and keen observation conspire to make his utterances and writings valuable to his fellows.

Judge Anthony is a rapid thinker, and grasps a point with a celerity which contributed no little to his advancement in the profession which he adorns. He writes with facility, and his contributions to legal periodicals are numerous and able. They cover almost every legal topic, and are authorities wherever found. His descriptions of Russian and British courts and methods of procedure are likely to prove interesting to one not particularly versed in law, and are of especial value to the profession. He also gives much thought and study to historical and philosophical topics, on which he has written much. His treatise on the "Law of Self-Defense" should be read and carefully considered by every citizen.

Judge Anthony is one of the founders of the Chicago Public Library, and was a member of its first Board of Directors. He has been especially active in the effort to preserve the memory of the pioneers, whose number is now very small. When all have passed away, who shall commemorate their virtues? "Let the record be made of the men and things of to-day, lest they pass out of memory to-morrow and are lost." At the annual meeting of the State Bar Association in 1892, he read a very interesting paper, entitled "Remember the Pioneers," which is replete with interesting reminiscences. At the meeting of the



association in 1893, Judge Anthony was elected President, an honor most worthily bestowed. In 1889 the Judge received from his *alma mater* the degree of Doctor of Laws, to which his merit had long entitled him.

On the 14th of July, 1852, Elliott Anthony married Miss Mary Dwight, a sister of his law preceptor, and grand-daughter of President Dwight, the well-known head of Yale College. A daughter (now deceased) and three sons have been given him, two of whom are associated with him in the practice of law in Chicago.

During his busy life, into which has been crowded an immense amount of labor in the interest of his fellow-men, Judge Anthony has ever kept in sight the wish to accomplish something worthy of emulation and commemoration, as evidenced in his remarks upon the virtues and

works of a co-laborer and brother judge, with which this notice may be fittingly closed. He said: "May our successors in the profession look back upon our times, not without some kind regrets and some tender recollections. May they cherish our memory with that gentle reverence which belongs to those who have labored earnestly, though it may be humbly, for the advancement of the law. May they catch a holy enthusiasm from the review of our attainments, however limited they may be, which shall make them aspire after the loftiest possessions of human learning. And thus may they be enabled to advance our jurisprudence to that degree of perfection which shall make it a blessing and protection to our own country, and excite the just admiration of mankind."

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## DR. FREDERICK CHARLES HAGEMAN.

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**D**R. FREDERICK CHARLES HAGEMAN, one of the most useful and influential citizens of DuPage County, and a former prominent citizen of Chicago, was a son of Dr. Christoph Hageman, and was born at Minden, Prussia, on the 26th of November, 1817. His mother died when he was a mere child, and at the age of sixteen he set out for America. His first employment was on the Great Lakes as a sailor, and he settled in Chicago in the fall of 1843. His father came to join him, and was one of three persons who escaped from a burning steamer on Lake Erie, the brother and step-mother of our subject being lost in that disaster. The first regular graduating class of five from Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1847, included Frederick C. Hageman. In connection with his practice, he opened a drug store on South Water Street, Chicago, removing later to North Clark Street, and

thence to Indiana Street, where he built the first brick structure on the North Side. Here he served as Alderman, and was at one time City Physician.

In the spring of 1852, Dr. Hageman moved to Winfield, DuPage County, and invested in farm lands, becoming in time an extensive owner. He lived there for a few years, but spent most of his remaining years in Wheaton, and was a very successful physician. He was elected Coroner during the first years after coming here, and filled that position several terms, being the incumbent at the time of his death, which occurred on the 3d of September, 1869.

Dr. Hageman was an active and public-spirited citizen, and did much to promote the prosperity of the community. He was active in securing the county seat at Wheaton, which involved the construction of a court house as a gift to the

county. He was reared in the Lutheran faith, but espoused Universalism, and was an ardent Democrat in political contests, and a member of the Masonic order. He made many addresses in support of the war for the Union through Kane, DuPage and other counties, and materially aided in raising the Eighth and Twelfth Illinois Cavalry regiments, and the One Hundred and Fifth Infantry. He went out as Assistant Surgeon of the One Hundred and Forty-first Infantry, which served a short time in garrison duty. He was a supporter of Abraham Lincoln in his second candidacy for President.

At Buffalo, in June, 1843, our subject married Miss Margaret Snyder, a native of Elsass, Germany, who came to America when seven years old with her parents, George and Anna Mary (Gearhardt) Snyder. George Snyder was a talented architect, but understanding no English, he was obliged to accept any employment that offered when he arrived at Buffalo. While em-

ployed as a hodcarrier in the repair of a church, he noticed that the builders had great difficulty in following the plans. He essayed to explain, and showed such interest and knowledge that an interpreter was obtained, through whom he so intelligently directed the work that he was placed in charge, and from that time had no lack of employment in his profession. Mrs. Hageman was born April 21, 1821, and died November 19, 1887. She was a woman of much intelligence and ability, and conducted her husband's estate with greater skill than had marked his own management of it during his life.

Of the six children of Dr. and Mrs. Hageman, the first died in infancy. Dr. Frederick Christian Hageman, of Chicago, is the second. Mary (Mrs. Henry Grote), George W. and Franklin Julius are residents of Wheaton. Louis B. died at Wheaton February 8, 1892, aged thirty-four years.

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## BRAMAN LOVELESS.

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**B**RAMAN LOVELESS, eldest son and third child of Ariel C. Loveless, is among the successful business men of DuPage County and Chicago, and prominent in charitable and Christian work. He was born May 27, 1839, in Hadley, Saratoga County, N. Y. He was fifteen years old when the family came West, and remained on the farm with his father until February, 1859, when he started for Pike's Peak, to engage in mining, that "El Dorado" having just been discovered. Proceeding by rail to a point forty miles west of Dubuque, Iowa, then the terminus of the railway, he traveled overland, much of the way on foot, to Omaha, where he joined a wagon train. On reaching the moun-

tains, he was stricken with mountain fever, and was obliged to return home. He again took up farming with his father until the spring of 1861. He had just rented a farm and prepared to engage in business on his own account, when the War of the Rebellion broke out. Stirred by patriotic impulses, he at once offered his services in defense of the Union, and was enrolled as a member of Company A, Thirty-sixth Illinois Infantry, on the 8th of August. Although a member of the regimental band, Mr. Loveless carried a musket through part of his service, taking part in some fierce engagements. The regiment was stationed at first at Rolla, Mo., whence it marched in dead of winter to Pea Ridge, Ark., taking



part in the battle at that point under Gen. Sigel. On the way to Pittsburgh Landing, it marched six hundred miles to Cape Girardeau, Mo., where transportation was taken by boat. Arriving at Pittsburgh Landing, after the famous battle, it proceeded southward, at one time marching eighteen miles in the night to aid in investing Corinth, Miss. From there it proceeded to Cincinnati, to join Gen. Lew Wallace, but was soon transferred to Louisville, where it became a part of the Second Division of the Fourth Army Corps, under Gen. Sheridan. From this time the regiment participated in many severe battles, among which were Perryville, Stone River, Peach Tree Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Dallas, New Hope Church, Atlanta and Jonesboro. The history of this campaign is one of almost continual fighting, and Mr. Loveless witnessed many scenes of cruel carnage. He was mustered out September 23, 1864, having more than served out his three-years term of enlistment, and without ever receiving a reprimand.

From 1865 to 1872 Mr. Loveless followed farming near Elgin, in Kane County. In May, 1872, he went to Chicago and engaged for seven years in the grain, feed and coal trade. Since selling out this business, he has engaged in the hotel and real-estate business with marked success. In August, 1882, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land at Turner, and five years later added forty acres to this. The entire tract was platted as an addition to the village of Turner in 1893, and is known as Montview. Many lots have already been sold, and this investment is among the best made by a man known for foresight and shrewdness in business. Like many other investments in the neighborhood of Chicago, this has proven a popular site, and is vindicating the sagacity of its projector.

Mr. Loveless experienced religion in January, 1860, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1883 he began to extend the revival work which he had been doing in a quiet way for many years, and became a powerful and much-sought aid in evangelistic work. Until failing strength, in 1889, compelled him to resign this work, he gave his entire attention to it and la-

bored in many Western States, chiefly in Iowa, Illinois and California. In this he was ably assisted by his wife, a lady of strong faith and spirit. In reviewing his work, the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) *Republican* said: "Though his address had no peculiar charm, and his work seemed devoid of the personal magnetism which characterizes the influence of many public speakers, his earnestness and sincerity carried great power." He still continues, as for many years past, to do mission work in Chicago, and is an active temperance worker, both by precept and example. In 1888 he was the Prohibition candidate for Senator from the Fourteenth Illinois District, and has been three years President of the County Committee of that party, and four years President of the Wheaton Prohibition Club. From Lincoln to Garfield he was a Republican, and is ready to again affiliate with the Republican party when it consents to espouse the Prohibition issue.

October 17, 1860, Mr. Loveless married Miss Mary Tweddale, a native of New York City, a daughter of Garlius and Elizabeth Tweddale, natives of Whithorn, an island in the south of Scotland. Mrs. Loveless was a teacher before her marriage. She died in 1865, leaving a son, Frank Ariel, now a resident of Chicago. On the 3d of April, 1866, Mr. Loveless was again married, the bride being Miss Huldah Elizabeth Holden, who was born in Stockholm, St. Lawrence County, N. Y. Her parents, John and Mary A. (Clark) Holden, were natives, respectively, of England and Gilsum, N. H., the latter being descended from an old New England family, dating from the landing of the Pilgrims. Three children have blessed the second union of Mr. Loveless, namely: Braman H., Benjamin E. and Gertrude. The second died February 5, 1893, and the first is practicing law in Chicago and residing in Wheaton. Mrs. Loveless taught the first colored school in the North, at Elgin, and continued in the work three years. She is active in temperance work, and is an officer in control of several charitable and philanthropic undertakings in Chicago, independent of her husband's work, for the success of which he gives her large credit.



## WILLIAM A. SPALDING.

**W**ILLIAM AUGUSTUS SPALDING, who for forty years lived a quiet and happy life in Chicago, deserves more than a passing notice on account of his manly, upright character and the appreciation in which he was held by those privileged to enjoy his acquaintance and friendship. He was born at Onondaga Hill, four miles from the city of Syracuse, New York, August 17, 1815, and was the eighth child in the family of Coit Spalding. The latter was born May 10, 1772, and married Rhoda Cobb on the 8th of May, 1799. Of their family of eight sons and three daughters, none are now living. The mother died December 6, 1857, and the father May 22, 1859.

The town and family of Spalding are known to have existed in the southern part of Lincolnshire, England, in the twelfth century, and about 1632 Edward Spalding left that place and settled in Braintree, in the new colony of Massachusetts. From the latter are descended nearly all bearing the name in the United States, many of whom have been distinguished as soldiers, ecclesiastics, jurists, legislators, manufacturers and business men. They were active in subduing the wilderness and in establishing the church, school and factory in New England. Many served in King Philip's War, several distinguished themselves at the heroic defense of Fort Groton, Connecticut, and fifty-two participated in the Revolutionary War, nine of whom were active in the battle of Bunker Hill, where one fell from the back of his disabled horse.

During the period of Mr. Spalding's boyhood, Syracuse was not the commercial center it now is, and the community was wholly rural in its character. He enjoyed the limited advantages of society and school which the time and region afforded in early boyhood, but was thrown upon his own resources while yet a mere youth. He was fond of outdoor life, and took employment as a railroad man, running west from Buffalo. At the age of twenty-five years he had become a conductor on the Michigan Central Railroad, running between Detroit and Chicago. His promptness, faithfulness and integrity are shown by the fact that he remained in that employ until his removal to Chicago, in 1852, to take charge of the union station, operated by the Michigan Central and Illinois Central Railways. This occupation further illustrated his capacity and the confidence reposed in him by the officers of the Michigan Central Railroad Company. Up to the time of his death he filled this responsible position, enjoying the respect of all who were brought in contact with him. His home on Michigan Avenue was the scene of quiet comfort, and he was always a valued member of a small circle of congenial friends. He loved to select his companions, was always true in all the relations of life, and was most appreciated by those who knew him best. He was loath to talk of himself, consequently it is now difficult to learn much of his early life. That he was somewhat adventurous in youth is indicated by his relation of his experiences while on a voyage to Newfoundland.

during which the boat on which he was a passenger was violently tossed about by the waves in a storm, and he was in imminent danger of losing his life. He was very fond of horses, and one of his first purchases after he began to earn money, was a driving horse. He believed in extracting the most that was possible from life, and sought to make those around him cheerful and contented in mind, as he always was. He suffered from gradual paralysis during the last five years of his life, without murmuring, and passed away at his home, April 16, 1892, his remains being deposited at Rose Hill two days later. It is said that he never had an enemy in the world. He was a member of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church; was a high degree member of the Masonic fraternity, a life-long Democrat in political affiliations, as was his father before him. He was named after William Augustus Ellis, who was a nephew of

his father, and also a prominent early-day Democrat.

April 18, 1852, Mr. Spalding married Miss Jane Ann, daughter of William Augustus Ellis and Prudence Horton, his wife. The Ellis family, like the Spaldings, was early planted in New England. The parents of William A. Ellis were Warren Ellis, born February 26, 1766, and Nancy Spalding, born February 2, 1774. They were married January 17, 1793, and had five sons and three daughters, William A. being the eldest son and second child, born January 17, 1796, and died July 27, 1832. He had two sons and a daughter, Mrs. Spalding being the only survivor at this time. Warren Ellis died August 10, 1813. The adopted daughter of William A. and Jane A. Spalding is now the wife of Ferdinand W. Peck, of Chicago (whose biography will be found elsewhere in this work).

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## JOSEPH KIPLEY.

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JOSEPH KIPLEY is Assistant Chief of Police of Chicago. He has reached this responsible and important position through meritorious conduct, which has won for him promotion from rank to rank, until he is now almost at the head of the police department of the second city of the Union. The record of his life is as follows: He was born in Paterson, N. J., in 1848, and is a son of Charles and Catherine (Waller) Kipley. The family is of German origin. The parents of our subject were both born in Baden-Baden, Germany, and there continued to reside until 1845, when they crossed the Atlantic to America, and located in New Jersey. The father is a carpenter by trade, and has made that pursuit his life work. Both parents are still living in Chicago, at the age of seventy-seven years.

No event of special importance occurred during the boyhood and youth of Joseph Kipley, who

was reared in his parents' home, and acquired his education in the public schools of his native State. He thus obtained a good knowledge of the English branches, and has since been a close student of the topics of the time and of current events. When his school life was ended, he came westward, locating in Chicago, and entered the employ of R. B. Appleby, a picture dealer of this city, with whom he continued until he entered upon the work which led to his present position. It was on the 22d of January, 1872, that he became a member of the police force, serving as a patrolman. From that position he has risen successively, step by step, to a position of prominence. When he joined the force it consisted of only two hundred and fifty men, and he has made his way without any political influence.

In 1872 Mr. Kipley was united in marriage with Miss Winnefred Wheeler.

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SAMUEL E. GROSS.

## SAMUEL EBERLY GROSS.

SAMUEL E. GROSS is one of Chicago's best known business men, and especially in real-estate circles has he a wide acquaintance. He has long been active in promoting the growth and advancement of the city, not merely for his own interest, but largely for the benefit of the community as well. He was born on the Old Mansion Farm in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1843. He is descended from Huguenot ancestry, and reliable information shows that the family lived in America in 1726, at which time Joseph Gross was the owner of property in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. His grandson, who was the great-grandfather of our subject, valiantly aided the colonies in their struggle for independence and became a captain in the service, his commission, dated November 25, 1776, being signed by John Hancock, Governor of Pennsylvania. When the war was over he went to Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, where he owned extensive farm and milling interests. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sahler, was of Holland descent on the paternal side, and of Huguenot on the maternal, coming from the Du Bois family, which was prominent in Kingston, New York, as early as 1649. The mother of Mr. Gross was in her maidenhood Elizabeth Eberly. She came of a family of German origin, whose representatives have been prominent in various professional walks in life.

The American people are coming to recognize more fully every day the fact that good blood tells. The most prominent characteristics of Mr. Gross are inherited from ancestors who were active in war and in the same lines of business as himself. His genealogy is traced as follows: Seigneur Jean de Gros, Master of the Chamber of the Count of Dijon, (died 1456), married Peronette le Roye; their eldest son, Jean, of Dijon, Secre-

tary to Duc de Bourgogne, married Philiberte de Sourlam; their son, Ferry, of Dijon, in 1521, married Phillipolte Wielandt; their son, Jean, of Dijon, (died 1548), married Catharine Laurym; their son, Jean, of Dijon, in 1599, married Jacqueline de Berneincourt; their son, Jean, of Dijon, in 1620, married Leonore de Briard; their son, Jacob, married Marie Debar, and removed from France at the time of the persecution of the Huguenots to the Palatinate, Germany, and later removed to Mannheim on the Rhine. Their son, Johann, of Mannheim, in 1665, married Miss Neihart; their son, Johann Christopher, of Mannheim, in 1703, married Elizabeth Metger; and their son, Joseph, in 1719, accompanied the Menonites from the Palatinate to America, residing for some time on the banks of the Hudson, and removing afterward to Pennsylvania. He married Catherina ———, owned property in the neighborhood of the Trappe, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, previous to 1726, and land in Philadelphia County in 1728, and died in 1753; their son, John, of Montgomery County, married Clara ———, and died in 1788; their son, John, born in 1749, was a Captain in the War of the Revolution. In 1778 he married Rachel Sahler, and died in 1823; their son, Christian, born in 1788, of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, married Ann Custer, of Montgomery County, and died in 1843; their son, John C., in 1843, married Elizabeth Eberly, of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; and their eldest son, Samuel E., is the subject of this biography.

Through his great-grandmother, Rachel Sahler, wife of Capt. John Gross of Revolutionary fame, Samuel E. Gross is directly descended from Matthew Blanshan, Louis Dubois and Christian Deyo, Huguenots of France, who, like Jacob de Gros, at the time of the persecution, removed to



the Palatinate in Germany, and thence emigrated to America in the middle of the seventeenth century. Matthew Blanshan and his family were the first of the refugees to try their fate in the New World, sailing from the Palatinate April 27, 1660. Louis Dubois and Christian Deyo soon followed, and were two of the twelve patentees who, in 1677, obtained title to all the lands in Eastern New York State lying between the Shawangunk Mountains and the Hudson River, and were instrumental in founding New Paltz and Kingston in Ulster County.

Rachel Sahler was the daughter of Abraham Sahler and Elizabeth Dubois. Her mother, Elizabeth Dubois, was the daughter of cousins, Isaac Dubois and Rachel Dubois. Isaac Dubois, her father, was the son of Solomon Dubois, and her mother, Rachel Dubois, was the daughter of Solomon Dubois' eldest brother, Abraham. The mother of Rachel Dubois was Margaret Deyo, daughter of Christian Deyo, the patentee. Abraham Dubois, Rachel's father, and Solomon Dubois, her husband's father, were both sons of Louis Dubois, the patentee and founder of New Paltz, and his wife, Catherine Blanshan, daughter of Matthew Blanshan, the first of these Huguenot arrivals.

In 1846, Mr. Gross came with his parents to Illinois, and after residing for a time in Bureau County removed to Carroll County. His early education was acquired in the district schools, and he afterwards attended Mt. Carroll Seminary. Prompted by patriotic impulses, he enlisted in his country's service on the breaking out of the late war, although only seventeen years of age. He joined the Forty-first Illinois Infantry, and took part in the Missouri campaign, but was then mustered out by reason of the strong objections made by his parents to his service, on account of his youth. He spent the following year as a student in Whitehall Academy, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, but in June, 1863, he again left school, for the Confederates had invaded the Keystone State and he could no longer remain quietly at his books. On the 29th of June he was made First Lieutenant of Company D, Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry, being one of the youngest offi-

cers of that rank in the army. His faithful and valiant service won him promotion to the rank of Captain of Company K, February 17, 1864. He participated in many of the important battles of the eastern campaign, and when the war was over was mustered out at Cloud Mills, Virginia, July 13, 1865.

At this time Chicago was becoming a city of prominence and gave rich promise for a brilliant future. Attracted by its prospects, Mr. Gross here located in September, 1865, and entered Union Law College. The following year he was admitted to the Bar, entering at once upon practice. In the mean time, however, he had invested a small capital in real estate. He built upon his lots in 1867, and as his undertakings in this direction met with success, he gave more and more attention to the business. He was instrumental in the establishment of the park and boulevard system in the winter of 1869. When the great fire broke out in 1871, and Mr. Gross saw that his office would be destroyed, he hastily secured his abstracts, deeds and other valuable papers, as many as he could get, and, putting them in a row-boat, carried them to a tug. When the flames had completed their disastrous work, he returned to the old site of his office and resumed business. A financial depression from 1873 until 1879 followed the boom, and Mr. Gross gave his time to the study of politics, science, and to literary pursuits.

On the revival of trade, Mr. Gross determined to devote his entire time to real-estate interests, and to the southwest of the city founded several suburbs. In 1882, to the north, he began what has now become Gross Park. In 1883, he began the work which has made him a public benefactor, that of building homes for people of moderate means, and the selling the same to them on time. Thus many a family has secured a comfortable home, where otherwise their wages would have been expended in rent, and in the end they would have had nothing to show for it. Unimproved districts under his transforming hand became populated and flourishing neighborhoods. In 1886, Mr. Gross founded the town of Brookdale; platted Calumet Heights and Dauphin Park the following



year, and platted a forty-acre subdivision on Ashland Avenue. A large district near Humboldt Park was improved by him, and some three hundred houses were built near Archer Avenue and Thirty-ninth Street. The beautiful town of Grossdale has been one of his most successful ventures. He established the town one mile west of Riverside, and beautiful drives, lovely homes, churches, a theatre and fine walks make this one of Chicago's best suburbs. He has also recently founded the beautiful town of Hollywood, and during the last twelve years he has founded sixteen thriving suburban towns and cities. His fortune is estimated at \$3,000,000, or over, and although his reputation is that of a multi-millionaire the United Workingmen's societies showed their confidence in him by nominating him to the mayoralty in 1889, an honor which from press of private business he was obliged to decline.

Constantly has the business of Mr. Gross increased, until his dealings have reached the millions. He buys property outright, and then sells as the purchasers feel that they can pay. It is said that he has never foreclosed a mortgage, and his kindness, forbearance and generosity have won for him the love and confidence of the poorer people and the high regard of all.

Mr. Gross was married in January, 1874, to

Miss Emily Brown, a lady of English descent. He is a member of the Chicago Club, the Union Club, the Washington Park, the Athletic, Marquette and Iroquois Clubs. He is a patron of the Art Institute and the Humane Society, and his support is given to other benevolent organizations. He holds membership with the Chicago Union Veteran Club; U. S. Grant Post No. 28, G. A. R.; the Western Society Army of the Potomac, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

In 1886, Mr. Gross made a trip to Europe, spending four months in visiting the leading cities and points of interest in that continent. He also made investigations concerning city development. In 1889, he traveled through Mexico and the cities on the Pacific Coast, and later in the year attended the Paris Exposition. In 1892, he went to Europe once more, and also visited the Orient. In manner, Mr. Gross is genial, pleasant and entertaining, and the kindness of his face at once wins him friends. Although he would not be called a professing philanthropist, his life has certainly been characterized by a practical charity, which has probably proven of more benefit than the acknowledged philanthropic work of some others. His success in business seems marvelous, yet it is but the result of industry, enterprise, and careful and well-directed management.

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## CALVIN DE WOLF.

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**C**ALVIN DE WOLF, now one of the foremost citizens of Chicago, is an example of the manner in which men rise to stations of wealth and honor through sturdy moral integrity and unceasing, ambitious toil. His story is that of a young man who came to Chicago with nothing in the days of the city's infancy, and by a sustained effort has grown with the city's growth, until he is numbered among the representative men of the "great city by the inland sea."

Calvin De Wolf was born in Braintrim, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of February, 1815, and was one of the family of fifteen children of Giles M. De Wolf, a well-to-do farmer. His father and grandfather were born in Pomfret, Connecticut, and his more remote ancestors were among the early settlers in Lyme, Connecticut, being colonists who came over from Holland, to which country they had probably been driven from France (where the family originated) by religious

persecution. His mother, whose maiden name was Anna Spaulding, was born in Cavendish, Vermont, and was a descendant of Edward Spaulding, who settled in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, in 1633.

Soon after the birth of Calvin De Wolf, his parents removed to his mother's native place and remained there until he was five years of age, and then returned to Braintrim, Pennsylvania, from whence, four years later, they removed to the adjoining county of Bradford, where his father purchased a farm in the beech woods of that county. This farm was covered with heavy timber, the clearing of which was a task of a different kind and of much greater magnitude than falls to the lot of most farmers of the present day. Putting this land into condition to be sufficiently productive to support the large family of its owner furnished work for every hand for years.

Calvin De Wolf was the eldest of his father's sons who lived beyond the infantile period, and converting the beech forest into tillable land was a task in which he was required to practice, and which, with the tilling of the soil, required all his time except the three winter months, when he attended school until he was twenty-one years of age. After attaining his majority he made up his mind to obtain an education, and, under the instruction of his father, who was a man of more than ordinary ability, had a good common-school education and was well versed in mathematics, he obtained a good knowledge of arithmetic, algebra and surveying. He was also assisted to a knowledge of the elements of Latin by a gentleman of liberal education who lived in the neighborhood. When he had progressed to this point in education, he left home and entered Grand River Institute, in Ashtabula County, Ohio, in 1836. That institution, then famous throughout eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania, was conducted somewhat on the plan of agricultural colleges of the present day, in that students who desired to do so could partially support themselves by manual labor and pursue a course of study at the same time. For a year and a half young De Wolf maintained himself at this school and fitted himself for teaching; he also presided for a term or two at the peda-

gogue's desk. At all times, however, when opportunity offered, he was intent on study and made the most of his educational opportunities.

Then, as now, the West was looked to as the land of opportunities and the goal of the ambition of every aspiring young man. Calvin De Wolf, with his industrious habits and ambitious desires, was not content to spend his days in the East, but looked westward with longing eyes, and in those days the West was not so far away as now and Chicago was included in the term. In the fall of 1837, young De Wolf arranged with a trader who was making a shipment of fruit by boat from Ashtabula to Chicago to pay his passage between the cities by assisting to load and unload the fruit and take charge of it in transit, which agreement he faithfully carried out and, in due time, found himself in this city, then covering a small area of territory at the mouth of the Chicago River and having but one four-story brick building—the old Lake House, then the pride of the West. The first thing the young man had to do was to look for employment, for he had come West with very little money. He hoped to obtain a situation as teacher in the city schools, and passed the required examination for license to teach, but his hopes were disappointed and he had to seek elsewhere, as there were others whose claims had to be first considered. Disappointed but not cast down, he set out on foot across the prairie to seek like employment in some other locality. After traveling thirty-five or forty miles, he at last arrived at Hadley, Will County, Illinois, with only a York shilling in his pocket. He was more fortunate in his quest there, and obtained the position of village schoolmaster, teaching during the winter of 1837-38, and returning the following spring to Chicago. Here he again made application for employment as teacher, and was successful. While teaching school he also engaged in various other occupations which were calculated to improve his financial condition.

In 1838, Mr. De Wolf began the study of law in the office of Spring & Goodrich, a firm composed of Giles Spring, afterward Judge of the Superior Court of Chicago, and Grant Goodrich, for many years one of the prominent lawyers of the



city. In 1843, he was examined and admitted to the Bar by Judge Richard M. Young, and Theophilus W. Smith, then sitting on the Supreme Bench, and immediately after began practice in this city, which then had a Bar consisting of about thirty lawyers, a large number of whom became prominent as jurists in later years. Up to 1854, Mr. De Wolf was engaged in the active practice of law. He was then elected Justice of the Peace, an office which at that time and place was a highly important and responsible one, as the city was developing rapidly and the amount of business incident to its growth gave rise to a great deal of friction, which had to be adjusted in the tribunal of law. Mr. De Wolf held this office six successive terms, four by popular election and two by appointment. The whole period covered was more than twenty-five years, and more than ninety thousand cases were disposed of by him, a far greater number than any other judicial officer in this State had ever decided. Preliminary examinations in many important cases which afterward became celebrated in the higher courts were heard in the earlier years of his magistracy by Judge De Wolf, as he was then known to the profession and the public.

Judge De Wolf had been taught from childhood to hate slavery, and as early as 1839 became Secretary of an anti-slavery society, of which Rev. Flavel Bascom, a Presbyterian minister, was the first President, and Judge Manierre, Treasurer, and of which many of the prominent business and professional men of the city were earnest and active members. In 1842, the Illinois State Anti-Slavery Society held a meeting in Chicago, at which an organization was effected to raise funds for establishing an anti-slavery newspaper in Chicago. Henry L. Fulton, Charles V. Dyer, Shubal D. Childs and Calvin De Wolf were appointed a committee to collect funds and set the enterprise on foot, Mr. De Wolf being made Treasurer of the committee. As a result of their efforts, the *Western Citizen* came into existence, with Z. Eastman as editor and publisher, and for several years it was recognized as one of the leading Abolition newspapers in the country. It was in 1858, that Mr. De Wolf, in connection with other Abolition-

ists of Chicago, brought down upon himself the wrath of a disappointed slave-hunter and his sympathizers, who sought to inflict upon him condign punishment for facilitating the escape of a liberty-seeking black woman.

Stephen F. Nuckolls was a southern man who had carried his slaves with him into Nebraska. One of these slaves, a young negro woman, Eliza, made her escape, and by some means or other found her way to Chicago, to which place she was followed by her master, Nuckolls, who came near effecting her capture. His scheme was frustrated by the parties who appeared before Judge De Wolf, charging him with riotous conduct. Under the warrant issued from the magistrate's court, the slave-owner was arrested and locked up for a few hours, and in the mean time the colored woman made her escape from the city. Nuckolls carried the matter to the United States Courts, and succeeded in having the magistrate, Mr. De Wolf, George Anderson, A. D. Hayward and C. L. Jenks indicted for "aiding a negro slave called Eliza to escape from her master," she having been "held as a slave in Nebraska and escaped to Illinois." This involved the constitutional questions as to whether or not slaves could be held in free territory. The defendants held that the negro woman was not lawfully held as a slave in Nebraska, and moved to quash the indictment on that ground. This motion was never passed upon by the court, but, in 1861, the case was dismissed by advice of the Hon. E. C. Larned, United States District Attorney.

It is almost superfluous to state that a man holding the radical views of Calvin De Wolf became identified at the outset of its existence with the Republican party, and that he still remains in the ranks of the same organization. But he has never been an active politician. He served two terms as a member of the Board of Aldermen of Chicago, and from 1856 to 1858 served as Chairman of the Committee on Revision and Publication of Ordinances, where he rendered important service to the city in codifying and putting the ordinances in form to be easily referred to, to be generally understood and easily and systematically enforced. He retired from the position of Magistrate in 1879,



and is not now engaged in the practice of law, but devotes his time mainly to the management of his financial affairs.

Mr. De Wolf is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is now one of the Elders of the Sixth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, in which he is an influential member, and in the work of which he bears a prominent part. "Do right" is a motto which he has made the rule of his life. In the discharge of his duties as a public official he was

conscientious and upright; as a lawyer, watchful over his client's interests and honorable in his dealings with both court and client; in his general business dealings he has been a man of his word, upright and honest. His residence in Chicago from pioneer times has caused him to be well known, and he is regarded as one of the landmarks of a generation of sagacious business men now rapidly passing away.

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## DR. CALVIN M. FITCH.

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**D**R. CALVIN MAY FITCH, one of the oldest physicians now in active practice in this city, graduated at the medical department of the university of New York in 1852, and subsequently studied in Europe. He came to Chicago in 1855, and is therefore in the fortieth year of his practice in this city. Doctor Fitch was born January 3, 1829, in Sheldon, Franklin County, Vermont. His grandfather, Dr. Chauncey Fitch, married the daughter of Colonel Sheldon, for whom the town of Sheldon was named, and practiced there until his death. Colonel Sheldon commanded the Connecticut Cavalry during the Revolutionary War, and the family have several letters of Washington's still in their possession. Doctor Fitch's father, Rev. John Ashley Fitch, an Episcopal clergyman, married the daughter of Dr. Calvin May, who for nearly fifty years practiced medicine in St. Armand, Canada, just across the Vermont line. Doctor May graduated from Yale about the close of the Revolutionary war, and he and Dr. Chauncey Fitch were the pioneer physicians in that section, and although eighteen miles apart, frequently met in consultation.

Doctor Fitch is of old New England stock, the sixth in descent from Rev. James Fitch, who came to this country from Bocking, England, in 1638. Maj. James Fitch, son of Rev. James Fitch, served

in King Philip's War. He was active in promoting the founding of Yale College, donating to the college in October, 1731, six hundred and forty-seven acres of land in the town of Killingsly, and all the glass and nails which should be necessary to build the college edifice. Rev. Ebenezer Fitch, a grandson of this Maj. James Fitch, and brother of Dr. Chauncey Fitch, was a tutor in Yale for several years prior to 1791, when he resigned from Yale to take charge of the Academy at Williams-town, Massachusetts, and when that academy was chartered as a college (Williams College) in 1793, Mr. Fitch was elected its first President, which position he held for twenty-two years.

In 1860 Doctor Fitch married Susan Ransom, daughter of Daniel Ransom, originally from Woodstock, Vermont, and for many years in business in this city. In 1871 Mr. Ransom removed to Longmont, Colorado, where he recently died at the age of eighty-one. Doctor Fitch has one son, Dr. Walter May Fitch, a graduate of Rush Medical College, who is associated with his father in practice.

Doctor Fitch is or has been a member of several medical societies, the Chicago Medical, the South Avenue, the State Medical and American Medical Associations, but has never been connected with any medical school, although a professorship has

been twice offered him. He has always enjoyed the study of languages, and speaks several fluently, and it is partly in consequence of this fact that no small percentage of his large practice is among

our foreign-born citizens. A practice of this character involves much hard work, but carries with it the chance to do much good.

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## CHARLES HUNTINGTON.

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CHARLES HUNTINGTON, a veteran of the railroad service in Chicago and the oldest general baggage agent, in point of service, in the United States, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, May 29, 1824. He is a son of Christopher and Mary (Webb) Huntington. The Huntington family is one of the oldest in Connecticut. All persons of that name in America are supposed to be descendants of Christopher Huntington and his brothers, who came from England in the early days of the Connecticut colony. They sprang from an ancient English family, and the name is supposed to have originated as a military title. Their posterity is numerous, and includes many noted American citizens. The name of Christopher Huntington was perpetuated through seven successive generations, the father of the subject of this sketch being the last. His father, Christopher Huntington, was a physician who practiced in Connecticut. The father of Charles Huntington was a wholesale manufacturer of shoes, and was a member of the Governor's Foot Guards, a regiment of Connecticut militia. He died in 1832, at the premature age of thirty-five years.

Mrs. Mary Huntington was a daughter of Abner Webb, a Revolutionary soldier, who also represented one of the early Connecticut families. She survived her husband but one year, dying in 1833, and leaving three orphaned sons. Charles is the eldest. Henry is now a prominent citizen of Burnham, Michigan, and George died in 1850, of yellow fever, at Mobile, Alabama.

Soon after his father's death, on the 3d of July, 1832, Charles Huntington left his boyhood home and took passage by stage to Albany, en route to the home of an uncle at Penn Yan. His young

heart was sorely tried by this separation from natal ties, but the celebration of the Nation's birthday at Albany the next morning after his arrival there distracted his attention from his childish sorrow and so cheered the way that his further stage journey to Schenectady was made in comparative comfort. Here he took passage on the Erie Canal as far as Geneva, whence the journey was completed by stage. At Penn Yan, he found a comfortable home with his uncle, Elisha H. Huntington, who afterwards became a banker in Chicago.

Charles received about two years' schooling in all, spending most of his boyhood in working at odd jobs. Being a robust youth, he was adapted to many useful employments, and among other things, assisted in building the Congregational Church at Penn Yan, for which his uncle had the contract, handling all the material for that structure. At the age of nineteen, he was entrusted by his uncle with an important mission to Philadelphia, where he was sent to purchase an outfit for bottling mineral waters, and subsequently took charge of a drug store at Rochester, owned by Elisha Huntington. At one time, he was employed as conductor of a construction train on the Canandaigua & Elmira Railroad.

At an early age, he went to the Isthmus of Panama, to take charge of the machine department of the Panama Railroad, at Aspinwall. He was one of the very few non-residents who escaped the Chagres fever, and at the end of his one year's engagement, he resigned and returned to New York. Thence, in March, 1854, he came to Chicago and soon after accepted a position as engineer on the Great Western Railroad—now a



part of the Wabash system—his headquarters being at Springfield, Illinois. On the 10th day of January, 1855, he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, with which he has been since continuously engaged. He was promoted from engineer to freight conductor, and soon afterward became a passenger conductor. In 1858, he was made general baggage agent with office on the site of the present Chicago Union Passenger Station. His appointment was made by a receiver, in whose hands the affairs of the company were then placed, and as the duties of the office were comparatively light, he continued to run a passenger train between Chicago and St. Louis until 1865, employing only one assistant in his office at Chicago. These statements show a vast difference between the passenger traffic of those days and the present. When he first entered the service of this road, the eastern terminus was at Joliet, whence all freight for Chicago was transferred to the canal, the passenger trains reaching this city by way of the Chicago & Rock Island tracks. The southern terminus was at Alton, where all passengers and freight for St. Louis were transferred to Mississippi steamboats.

In 1857, Mr. Huntington took a prominent part in a strike on the part of employees of this line, which suspended all business thereon for eighteen days. This strike was caused by arrearage of salaries, ranging from three to eighteen months. Mr. Huntington was a member of a committee which settled the matter with ex-Gov. Joel A. Matteson, who was lessee of the road, the trouble being compromised by payment of part of the arrearages at once and the promise of double payments each month until all were paid up in full.

The scarcity of currency at that time is illustrated by the fact that the conductor rarely collected sufficient cash on a trip to pay the board bills of his crew for the same time. The rude appliances and equipments of railroads in those days made railroad operation a very difficult matter. Many cars were without sufficient brakes, and a "down grade" had terrors for the men on a heavy train. It was often necessary to set out cars with defective brakes or, as was not infrequent,

with no brake at all, to avoid disaster. On one occasion, while approaching Alton on a steep down grade, Conductor Huntington was horrified by the discovery that there was not a working brake on the train. The labors of the reversed engine, however, attracted the attention of the Alton station agent, who ran out and so placed the switches that they passed the station without doing any damage and were able to bring the train to a stop after running a mile beyond their destination.

In his domestic affairs, Mr. Huntington has been sorely afflicted. In July, 1845, he was married to Miss Amelia, daughter of Harvey Tomlinson, of Geneva, New York. In 1856, he was called upon to mourn her death. Of their three children, but one survives—Mary Isabella, who is now the wife of Edward L. Higgins, ex-Adjutant of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have four children, and reside at Springfield, Illinois. Mr. Huntington's two sons, Edwin and William, died in childhood, of scarlet fever. He was again married, in 1866, to Mary Goodrich, of Chicago, whose death occurred on the 16th of April, 1890, at the age of sixty years. The death of his sons and of his first wife occurred during his absence from home, and was more trying on this account.

Mr. Huntington has been for many years a member of the Masonic order, being connected with Bloomington Lodge. He is Secretary and Treasurer of the Conductors' Mutual Aid Association, which he helped to organize in 1874. In early life, he was a Whig, and supported the candidacy of William H. Harrison in 1840, though not old enough to vote at that time. Since 1860 he has been a Republican. Before leaving New York, he served as Deputy Sheriff of Yates County, and the State still owes him for a tedious trip which he made in securing a requisition from the governor of New York and serving the same on the governor of Pennsylvania, in securing and bringing to justice a notorious thief. While a boy, he visited Baltimore and witnessed the operation of the first telegraph line in the world, which had just been completed. He is now the oldest employee of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, in point of service.



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*C. M. Henderson.*

## CHARLES M. HENDERSON.

CHARLES MATHER HENDERSON, a representative business man and exemplary citizen of Chicago, a scion of the old Puritan stock, was born in New Hartford, Litchfield County, Connecticut, and is a son of James F. Henderson and Sabrina (Marsh) Henderson, both natives of the "Land of Steady Habits." His paternal grandmother, in maidenhood, bore the name of Mather, being a lineal descendant of Cotton Mather, the noted Puritan divine and author, of Massachusetts colony. His maternal grandfather, Roswell Marsh, was a Revolutionary soldier and witnessed the execution of the unfortunate Major Andre.

The first fifteen years of C. M. Henderson's life were passed in the usual manner of urban New England boys of that period, during which time he was a pupil in the district school of his native village. After attending the Baptist School at Suffield one year, he went out, at the age of sixteen years, to teach a district school, in which undertaking he acquitted himself with credit, returning at the end of one term to his studies at Suffield, where he continued another year. His tastes and ambition pointed to a commercial career, and when, in 1853, an uncle in Chicago offered him a position in the wholesale boot and shoe house of C. N. Henderson & Co., he promptly accepted. He was then eighteen years of age, and was installed as general clerk and salesman. Applying himself diligently in both store and office, wherever his services were most needed, he rapidly acquired a general knowledge of the business, and shortly became very useful to his employers. So rapid was his advancement that in less than four years after entering the establishment he became a partner in it, in which connection he continued until the death of his uncle in 1859.

Mr. Henderson immediately organized a new firm, under the name of C. M. Henderson & Co., his partner being Mr. Elisha Wadsworth, formerly the head of the great dry goods house of Wadsworth, Farwell & Co. Mr. Wadsworth was virtually a silent partner, as the entire management of the business was left to Mr. Henderson, who carried it on so successfully that, at the end of two or three years, he was enabled to purchase the interest of his partner. He now associated with himself his brother, Wilbur S. Henderson, who had been several years in his employ as clerk, and also gave an interest to his bookkeeper, Edmund Burke, who sold his share to Mr. Henderson some years later.

The firm continued to do a jobbing business until 1865, when a small factory was established for the production of the heavy goods demanded by the western trade. This was the nucleus of what has become one of the largest establishments of its kind in the United States. The original factory is still in operation, surrounded by immense modern buildings, equipped with all that genius has supplied for the saving of labor and the improvement of the quality of finished products. In 1880 a building was constructed, devoted to the production of ladies' fine wear, and recently another immense structure has risen, whose mission is the construction of gentlemen's fine shoes. These factories are located at Dixon, Illinois, and the offices and shops employ over one thousand people daily. In 1888 the firm was incorporated under the laws of Illinois, the name remaining unchanged, and several of the old and faithful employees became stockholders.

The business has occupied many locations in the city, the first being on South Water Street. Subsequently three different stores on Lake Street were used in succession, and in 1868 the building



and stock at the corner of that thoroughfare and Michigan Avenue were swept away by fire. The great fire of 1871 found the business located at Nos. 58 and 60 Wabash Avenue, and in common with thousands of others it was annihilated. No time was wasted in repining, and inside of three weeks after this disaster business was resumed in a one-story board shanty on Michigan Avenue. In four months after the loss, the firm was established in a new brick building on Wabash Avenue, the plastering being completed after its occupancy. In the fall of 1872, another removal was made, to the corner of Madison and Franklin Streets, and five years later it was moved to the corner of Monroe Street, one block south, where it continued until the firm was able to occupy its own fine building. This is located at the northeast corner of Adams and Market Streets, and was built in 1884. It covers a ground space 170x120 feet, is six stories high, and is devoted exclusively to the purposes of an office and distributing depot. The development of this immense and successful business is the result of Mr. Henderson's executive ability, industry and well-known integrity. As a business man, he commands high standing among Chicago's enterprising and superlatively aggressive business circles, while he enjoys the respect and friendship of a wide acquaintance as a man and gentleman.

Mr. Henderson is somewhat socially inclined, and holds membership in several clubs, among which are the Union League, Chicago, Calumet and Commercial. Of strong religious nature, he early adopted the Christian religion as his rule of

practice, and has been a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago since 1868. He has been active and useful in church and mission work, was two years President of the Young Men's Christian Association and for ten years, until failing health compelled him to resign some of his work, acted as Superintendent of the Railroad Chapel Mission.

In political sentiment, he is a Republican from principle, and has always been active in every effort to promote good government for the city. In the reform movement of 1874, which secured a re-organization of the fire department and numerous other changes—among them a new city charter, the present one—he was especially active, contributing liberally in money to carry on the work, and giving of his time and counsel. In many other ways he has shown his disposition to discharge his whole duty and shirk no responsibility as a citizen. He seeks the best and right thing in government, regardless of partisan prejudices or advantage. As a part of his duty to the public, he is now acting as Trustee of the Home for Incurables and the Lake Forest University. He is devoted to his home and family, and when duty does not call him away, he is found, out of business hours, at his pleasant home on Prairie Avenue. In 1858 he was married to Miss Emily, daughter of James Hollingsworth, of Chicago. A son, who died in infancy, and three daughters have been given him. Amid kind friends and many other surroundings that conduce to peace and happiness, he is enjoying the fruits of a busy and useful life.

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## ALEXANDER BEAUBIEN.

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ALEXANDER BEAUBIEN enjoys the distinction of being the oldest individual born in Cook County. The date of his birth was January 28, 1822, and the place is on the east side of Michigan Avenue, between Randolph and

Washington Streets. The house in which he was born had been built a few years earlier by John Dean, and was one of five or six buildings, including Fort Dearborn, which then stood upon the site of Chicago.

Alexander is one of twelve children born to John B. and Rosette (La Frambois) Beaubien. The father was born at Detroit, Michigan, during the closing days of the American Revolution. His father, Antoine Beaubien, and his grandfather, who also bore the name of Antoine, were among the earliest settlers of Detroit, and carried on an extensive farm at that place. Antoine Beaubien, Sr., was a native of France, and doubtless came to America before the French and Indian War.

John B. Beaubien first visited Fort Dearborn in 1809. His purpose in coming hither was to trade with the Indians, and in the pursuit of that object he was quite successful, remaining in the vicinity for some time. At the time of the massacre, in 1812, he had gone to Mackinaw, but the following year he returned as agent of John Jacob Astor and built a trading-post near the site of the old fort. Branch posts were also established at Milwaukee, Pecatonica, Hennepin and Danville, goods being transported on pack-horses between these points and the main storehouse at Chicago. Mr. Beaubien had the supervision of all these posts, and remained in charge of them for some years. He made a pre-emption claim to the land between State Street and the lake, extending as far south as Madison Street, and including about one acre on the north side of the river; but, owing to some technicality, the government refused to give him a title to the same. About 1840 he settled on a half-section of land near the Desplaines River, in Leyden Township, with his family, improving the same until it became a desirable farm. He died at Naperville, Illinois, in 1864, at the age of eighty-four years. Had all white men manifested the spirit of justice and fairness exhibited by him in dealing with the Indians, much trouble and misery might have been averted.

Mrs. Rosette Beaubien was born in Michigan. Her father, Joseph La Frambois, was a Frenchman, and her mother was a member of the Pottawatomie tribe. In 1804, while still a young girl, Mrs. Beaubien came to Chicago, accompanying the party in command of Major Whistler, which originally built Fort Dearborn. She was living

with the Kinzie family when the fort was abandoned in 1812, and with her Mr. and Mrs. Kinzie, and one or two other persons, started in a canoe to follow the troops. They were near shore and in plain sight of the massacre which took place near the foot of Eighteenth Street, and Mrs. Beaubien often described the scene to her children in later years. After the battle was over, Mr. Kinzie and party continued the journey in safety to St. Joseph and thence to Detroit. Mrs. Beaubien died at River Park, Illinois, in 1845. Following are the names of her children: George, who died at the age of fourteen years; Susan and Monique, twins; Julia; Henry and Philip, twins; Alexander; Ellen Maria, wife of Joseph Robeson; William S.; Margaret (Mrs. De Witt Robinson); Louise (Mrs. N. D. Wood); and Caroline (Mrs. Stephen Fields). Alexander and the four last mentioned are the only members of this family now living, but they probably know more of the early history of Chicago than any other family in existence.

The circumstances attending his youth gave Mr. Beaubien little opportunity for education save that gained in the school of experience, but extensive reading and observation have given him a well-stored mind. He was eighteen years old when the family removed from Chicago to Leyden Township, where he became one of the leading farmers, and filled all the township offices except that of Justice of the Peace, which he declined. In 1862 he returned to Chicago, which has since been his home. During the most of this time he has been connected with the police force of the city, and for seven years past has been in charge of the lock-up at the Harrison Street Station, discharging the duties of that position in a manner which meets the approval of all his superior officers, though the administration of the city government has several times changed during this period.

He readily recalls the time when every house in the then village of Chicago could be counted from the roof of his father's home. He saw the first frame house built by his uncle, Mark Beaubien. The latter also built the first brick residence, a one and one-half story structure, on the



north side of Lake Street, about fifty feet west of Fifth Avenue. Mr. Beaubien witnessed the first public execution in Cook County, when John Stone was hung for murder. This took place on the prairie, about where Thirty-first Street now is, and one-quarter of a mile west of the lake.

Mr. Beaubien was married, in 1850, to Miss Susan Miles, a daughter of Stephen Miles of Canandaigua, New York. Five children have blessed their union, as follows: Julia Caroline, wife of Eugene Wait; Ida E. (Mrs. Albert H. Moulton, of Alexander, Genesee County, New York); Fannie G., wife of Richard S. Beaubien; William S., Jr.; and Harry Miles; all except Mrs. Moulton living in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Beaubien also have five grandchildren, in whose company they find great comfort and delight.

Mr. Beaubien was the first child baptised by a Catholic priest in Chicago, although the rite was not performed until he was six years of age, when Father Badden chanced to visit this place. It is needless to add that Mr. Beaubien has consistently retained that faith to the present time. Since 1882 he has been a member of the Policemen's Benevolent Association. He is independent in political action, supporting such men and measures as he deems best suited to the public interests, irrespective of party allegiance. He leads a quiet, unassuming life, and takes great pleasure in discussing events connected with the pioneer days of Cook County, the most important of which either came under his own observation or that of his parents.

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## JAMES S. TOPPAN.

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**J**AMES SMITH TOPPAN, a man of broad business experience, has been an extensive traveler and has resided and been engaged in business in nearly every quarter of the globe. He was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, October 7, 1830, of good old New England stock, as is shown by the following resume of his genealogy:

The name Toppan was originally Topham, taken from the name of a place in Yorkshire, England, meaning upper hamlet or village. The pedigree, as far back as it has been traced, commences with Robert Topham, who resided at Linton, near Pately Bridge, which is supposed to have been in the West Riding of Yorkshire. He made his will in 1550. His second son, Thomas Topham, was of Arnecliffe, near Linton. He died in 1589, and was buried in the church at Arnecliffe. Edward Topham, alias Toppan, eldest son of Thomas Topham, was of Aiglethorpe, near Linton, and has his pedigree recorded in the

College of Arms, with armorial bearings. William Toppan, fourth son of Edward Toppan, of Aiglethorpe, lived for some time at Calbridge, where his son Abraham was baptised April 10, 1606.

The family still exists in England, and is now of Middleham, in the northwest part of Yorkshire, on the river Ouse. The crest is a Maltese cross (*croix patee*) with entwined serpents. As early as 1637 Abraham Toppan resided at Yarmouth. His wife was Susanna Taylor.

In the first volume of the fourth series of the publications of the Massachusetts Historical Society, pp. 98-99, is the following:

"A Register of the names of such persons who are 21 years and upward and have license to passe into forraigne parts from March, 1637, to 29th of September, by virtue of a Commission of Mr. Thomas Mayhew, Gentleman."

Among these persons are the following:

"Abraham Toppan, cooper, aged 31, Susanna,



his wife, aged 31, with their children Peter and Elizabeth, and one mayd servant, Anne Goodin, aged 18 years, sailed from Yarmouth, 10 May, 1637, in the ship 'Rose,' of Yarmouth, Wm. Andrews, Master."

In October, 1637, Abraham Toppan was in Newbury, Massachusetts, as appears by the following extract from the town records:

"Abraham Toppan being licensed by John Endicott Esqr. to live in this jurisdiction, was received into the town of Newberry as an inhabitant thereof, and has promised under his hand to be subject to any lawful order that shall be made by the towne.

"Oct. 1637. ABRAHAM TOPPAN."

The genealogy from this time on is as follows: Jacob (son of the above), b. 1645, m. Hannah Sewall 24th August, 1670.

Abraham, b. 29th June, 1684, m. Esther Sewall 24th October, 1713.

Edward, b. 7th September, 1715, m. Sarah Bailey 7th September, 1743.

Enoch, b. 7th May, 1759, m. Mary Coffin 2nd February, 1794.

Edward, b. 7th April, 1796, m. Susan L. Smith, 22nd January, 1821.

James S., b. 7th October, 1830, m. Juliet A. Lunt, 13th August, 1861.

The old homestead upon Toppan Street, in Newburyport, was built by Jacob Toppan in 1670, and was first occupied by himself and his bride. The house has been lived in almost continually since, and is still in the possession of the family, being, even now, in a remarkably well-preserved condition.

Edward Toppan, the father of the subject of this sketch, spent his entire life as a farmer in the neighborhood of his native town, and was the father of the following children: Edward S., Charles, Hannah, James S., Margaret, Susan L., Serena D. and Roland W.

James S. left school at twelve years of age, and remained at home upon the farm until he was fifteen, when he entered a stationery store in his native town.

In May, 1849, when less than nineteen years of age, he left Boston for California in the barque

"Helen Augusta." A stop of seven days was made at St. Catherines, Brazil, where, on the day after their arrival, six of the crew deserted, and as no others could be had to fill their places, four passengers, including Mr. Toppan, volunteered to fill them, and did sailors' duties for the remainder of the voyage. After rounding Cape Horn, they spent one day on the island of Juan Fernandez, made famous as the home of Robinson Crusoe. Another stop of a week's duration was made at the Gallapagos Islands for the purpose of securing supplies of water, terrapin and fish, and on the 1st of October they arrived in San Francisco.

Mr. Toppan's first work here was to build a fence around some lots on the Sand Hills for a Mr. David Murphy, and also to cloth and paper two houses for the same person. When this was completed, he, in company with another young man, bought a whale-boat, which they ran as a ferry-boat between San Francisco and what is now Oakland.

Shortly afterwards this was sold out at a good profit, and, in company with two others, Mr. Toppan laid claim to one hundred and sixty acres of mission land, supposing it to be public property. A redwood tree, measuring eight feet in diameter at the butt, was cut down, and from one length of the trunk they built a house some thirty by eighteen or twenty feet in size. Two yoke of oxen and an old prairie wagon were purchased for \$1,200, and the land was cleared, plowed and planted.

While waiting for their crops to mature they employed their leisure time in cutting wild hay and building a lever press—a young sycamore tree serving as the lever. Strips of green raw-hide were used in binding the bales, and in this manner six tons of hay were baled. They then loaded it on old overland wagons, two of which were borrowed, drawn by oxen, and started for San Francisco, a distance of forty-eight miles.

Upon arriving at the Dolores Mission, they found a large number of persons waiting to purchase the hay, and in less than an hour they had disposed of their loads for \$2,400. This was the first large quantity of hay that had ever reached San Francisco.

On their return they gathered their crops and purchased a sloop, with which to take them to market at San Francisco. Potatoes brought eighty-five cents per pound, and other products were proportionately high. After remaining in this business for a year, Mr. Toppan was prostrated with fever and ague, and was obliged to sell out and return to San Francisco. Having remained there three months and experienced no improvement, he accepted an invitation from the master of the ship "Lowell," of Newburyport, to take a trip with him to Mazatlan, Mexico. From there the vessel was ordered to Ypala, a thousand miles south, where it was loaded with a cargo of dyewoods for Boston. As Mr. Toppan did not care to return home by the way of Cape Horn, he accepted an invitation from a wealthy Spanish gentleman to accompany him to the City of Mexico. They made their way to Typic, and thence to their destination, making the entire trip on horseback, stopping at the principal towns along their route. Mr. Toppan remained in the City of Mexico six weeks, and was then appointed a special bearer of dispatches to Washington by the United States Minister.

After delivering these dispatches and visiting his home he went to New York and took passage in the Vanderbilt steamer "Daniel Webster" for San Francisco, by way of Nicaragua.

They reached Nicaragua during the rainy season, and were eighteen days in crossing the Isthmus, and while passing up the Pacific Coast to San Francisco eleven stops were made for the purpose of burying people who had died of fever contracted on the Isthmus.

On reaching the Golden Gate City, Mr. Toppan formed a partnership with George Mansfield, a former chief steward of the Massasoit House, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and they opened a hotel on Clay Street, which they called the Massasoit House. This venture proving a success, they carried on the hotel until it was destroyed in the second big fire. They then purchased an interest in a stern-wheel boat called "The Fashion," which they ran between San Francisco and Colusa, the latter place being on the Sacramento River, one hundred miles above the city of Sacramento.

A year after this Mr. Toppan, being ill with bilious fever, sold his interest in the boat and took passage for Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. After a stay of six weeks he boarded the clipper ship "Sovereign of the Seas," bound for New York. At that time this ship was the largest sailing-vessel afloat, and eighty days after leaving Honolulu they reached New York, having made the shortest passage ever made by a sailing-vessel.

Two months were now passed at home, and then, the family physician having advised a warmer climate for him, he sailed from Boston to Calcutta, going as third mate of the vessel. Before starting he had made arrangements with Frederick Tudor, a large dealer in and shipper of ice, to act as his agent. He represented Mr. Tudor for eight years in Calcutta, two years in Ceylon, two years in Singapore, and two years in Java, opening new houses in the last three places.

During his residence in the East, Mr. Toppan visited Newburyport three times, remaining about three months on each occasion. These trips were made through the Red Sea, Suez Canal, the Mediterranean and overland across Europe to Liverpool. He was on the eve of going to Hong Kong, to open an ice-house there when Mr. Tudor's death prevented.

Mr. Toppan then returned home and accepted a position with Addison, Gage & Co., of Boston, to start an ice business in Havana, Cuba, but after three years they were obliged to discontinue operations on account of the internal dissensions of the people of Cuba.

He then returned to Boston and became interested in petroleum oil. By experimenting, he discovered a new way of filtering, and went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he made arrangements for manufacturing and placing his oil upon the market. This business venture continued until the peculiar grade of oil which was used as a base became exhausted, since which time none like it has been found.

Again, he went to Boston and purchased a one-third interest in a large fish-oil house, taking possession on the 15th of September, 1872. On the 10th of November the entire plant was destroyed in the great Boston fire. The business,



however, was soon resumed, and continued until the following September, when the Jay Cook panic caused a failure.

Four years after this, or in May, 1877, Mr. Toppan became identified with the Galena, and the Signal Oil Works, Limited, of Franklin, Pennsylvania, coming to Chicago as their Resident Manager for this territory.

He was the originator of the contract system of supplying railroads with their lubricating oils, these contracts being based upon the car and locomotive mileage of the different roads. So satisfactory and successful has this system proved, that to-day upwards of seventy per cent. of the railway mileage of the United States and Mexico is supplied in this manner by the above-named concerns.

Mr. Toppan was married, August 13, 1861, in Newburyport, Massachusetts, to Miss Juliet A. Lunt, who immediately accompanied him to Java. She is the daughter of the late George and Caroline (Chase) Lunt, and had one sister. Both her parents died in Newburyport, the father at the age of seventy-six, and the mother at seventy-five. Mr. Lunt was a ship-owner and master, and spent the major part of his life at sea. Mrs. Toppan made two or three trips with him around the world, and first met her husband in Calcutta.

Mr. and Mrs. Toppan became the parents of four sons and two daughters. The first child, James S., was born in Batavia, Java. When this child was ten months old, Mr. and Mrs. Toppan left Java for home, sailing from Liverpool on the old Cunarder "Africa." When two days out, small-pox broke out in the cabin, the child took it and died ten days after reaching home. Frank W. was born in Cleveland, and lived only a few weeks.

Of the remaining children, George L., who married Grace D. Chapman, of Boston, resides in Evanston. William R. married Carrie H. Clark, of this city, and has a son and daughter. Carrie L. married George T. Loker, of this city; and Fannie C. is still at home.

Mr. Toppan is a member of the society of California Pioneers, and of the Sons of Massachusetts; is domestic in his tastes and fond of his family. He was brought up in the Unitarian faith, and he and his wife attend Prof. Swing's and Bishop Cheney's Churches.

He always votes the Republican ticket, and is a staunch supporter of his party, keeps abreast of the times, is broad-gauged and well informed, and is a pleasant, genial man and an entertaining companion.

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## REV. N. S. HAYNES.

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REV. N. S. HAYNES, pastor of the Englewood Church of Christ, Chicago, is a native of Kentucky, his birth having occurred in Washington, Mason County, on the 7th of March, 1844. When he was a lad of eight summers, his parents removed to Illinois, settling in Woodford County, on a farm near the town of Eureka. No

event of special importance occurred during his youth, which was passed in the usual manner of farmer lads. During the summer he aided in the labors of the field, and in the winter months became familiar with the common branches of learning by study in the district schools. In 1859, he became a student in Eureka College, where he



remained until after the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion, when, prompted by patriotic impulses, he joined an Illinois regiment and went to the front. On his return from the South, he resumed his study in college, and in 1867 was graduated from the full classical course. He continued his studies after this, however, and in 1868 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him.

In the fall of 1867, Mr. Haynes received the appointment of principal of the public schools of Kansas, Edgar County, Illinois, and for a year filled that position in a creditable and acceptable manner. In May, 1868, he determined to enter the ministry, feeling that his services were needed in the cause of Christianity, and in June of that year he was ordained to the ministry by the churches of Kansas and Eureka. In July he became the regular pastor of the churches of Kansas and Dudley, and did good work in both. During that time he also organized the church in Newman. In the fall of 1869, he entered the Bible College of Lexington, Kentucky, where he remained during the school year, and then returned to his former field in Edgar County. In July, 1872, he went to Prince Edward Island, where he spent one hundred and two days, during which time he delivered one hundred and five sermons and held a two-days public discussion with Rev. Mr. Melville, a minister of the Kirk and a graduate of Edinburgh University. As a result several prominent members of the Kirk were converted and a strong and influential church was organized at Montague Bridge, where the debate was held.

After his return from abroad, Mr. Haynes, in August, 1873, became pastor of the church in Decatur, Illinois, where he remained almost uninteruptedly until January, 1881. He found there a church of small membership, with little influence, and the services were held in a very dilapidated house. Undaunted by the obstacles in his path, with zeal and energy he began his labors there, and during his pastorate a commodious chapel was erected at a cost of over \$7,000, the membership of both the Sunday-school and congregation was more than doubled, and the church was placed on

a good working basis, becoming one of the leading religious organizations in the city.

Soon after his removal to Decatur, Mr. Haynes was married. On the 20th of November, 1873, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Rose Frazier, the ceremony being performed near Paris, Illinois. Three children have been born to them, but Ruth, the eldest, died at the age of eighteen months. Rose, aged fifteen, and Ethel, ten years of age, are still at home.

On resigning the pastorate of the Decatur Church, Mr. Haynes entered upon his duties as State Evangelist, to which position he was elected by the Illinois Christian Missionary Convention on the 1st of January, 1881. He thus served until September 1, 1886, during which time the Permanent Fund of the society grew from less than \$2,000 to \$20,000, and it is now a source of constant income for the evangelistic work in the State. He traveled extensively all over Illinois, laboring untiringly, aiding missions, preaching the gospel, locating pastors, and performing all the labors that came to his hand which were calculated to advance the cause of Christianity.

On the 1st of September, 1886, Mr. Haynes became pastor of the First Christian Church in Peoria, Illinois, where he continued until the 1st of March, 1892. There again his labors were very successful and he left the church in a flourishing condition, its work being carried on systematically, while everything was in a harmonious condition. On the 1st of March, 1892, he accepted a call from the church of Englewood, where he has since continued, winning the love and respect of his congregation and the esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact, of whatever denomination. He is an able writer and has long been a valued contributor to the *Christian Evangelist*, one of the leading papers of the denomination. His writings are clear, logical and to the point, and in every department of church work he has proven almost equally successful. As a teacher, evangelist, pastor, writer and superintendent of missionary operations, he has indeed shown himself to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

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ABRAHAM P. KLINE.



## ABRAHAM P. KLINE.

**A**BRAHAM PULLING KLINE was born September 10, 1825, at Tribes Hill, near Amsterdam, New York, and died in Chicago on March 8, 1898, at the home of his son-in-law, Congressman George E. White, No. 381 Washington Boulevard. He was the son of James Kline and Jane Quillhot, both of Fulton County, New York, who settled there in colonial days, and whose descendants are still prominent in the life of that community. Mr. Kline was a citizen of Chicago for a half century, having come here in 1849.

When a young man he learned the trade of wheelwright, and followed the wagon-making business until he came to Chicago, where he became a pioneer in the manufacture of threshing machines, and was long prominently identified with the business and railroad interests of this city. Endowed with good intellect and energetic temperament, he kept pace with the rapid development of machinery during that period of the century, and was one of the first to substitute machinery for laborious work of the hand in the making of vehicles. The inventing of the threshing machine to supersede the primeval flail opened a new and profitable field of industry, whose opportunities he was quick to grasp.

Upon coming to Chicago, in 1849, he engaged in the manufacture of a new and then wonderful machine for the separation of grain, as a member of the firm of Wampole, Kline & Company. Later he was associated with the firm of H. A. Pitts & Company, manufacturers of the old

"Buffalo" thresher, familiar to everybody who lived in an agricultural community in those days, and which was hardly as great an improvement on the flail as the modern traction machine is on the first thresher.

After some years Mr. Kline quit the manufacturing business to engage in railroad work, assuming the position of superintendent of car-building and repairs for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, subsequently occupying the same position on the old Great Eastern Railroad, now part of the Fort Wayne system. He next took supervision of the woodwork department of Furst & Bradley, founders of the present David Bradley firm, and remained in that position fifteen years. This was his last active work, and his closing years were passed in enjoyment of the quieter walks of life.

In the business community Mr. Kline was extensively known, and in the West Side neighborhood where he lived many years he was held in peculiar esteem by old and young, whose attachment he won by his kindly nature and the simplicity of his life. He was an attendant of the Ada Street Methodist Church, and was an ardent Republican, though never taking an active part in politics.

Mr. Kline married Phebe Catherine Peckham, December 23, 1848, at Fultonville, New York, a few months before they came to Chicago to live. Her parents were Benjamin Peckham and Magdalena Moore, of Little Compton, Rhode Island, and Troy, New York, respectively. Ben-

jamin Peckham was a lineal descendant of John Peckham, senior, an original settler of Rhode Island prior to May 20, 1638, and a disciple of Roger Williams, who resided in that part of Newport which afterwards became Middletown. The Peckham family took a very prominent part in the early colonial history of Rhode Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Kline had three daughters (Mrs. George E. White, wife of Congressman George E. White; Mrs. D. L. Obordorf; and Mrs. William J. Moore, whose husband is a partner of S. E. Gross in the real-estate business) and one son, James D. Kline, of the firm of George E. White & Company.

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## CHARLES W. A. WILKE.

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**C**HARLES WILLIAM ADOLPH WILKE, one of the best known German-American settlers of Chicago, is a worthy pioneer of the city and, as such, deserves more than passing notice in this work. He was born in the village of Taken, in the province of Brandenburg, Germany, March 11, 1836, a son of Christoph and Caroline Wilke, both of whom were members of very prominent families in the Fatherland.

Christoph Wilke was prominent as a speculator and merchant. Of the seven children born to him and his wife, Caroline, the man whose name heads this article is the only one now living. He was deprived of a father at the age of seven years and, since he was nine years old, has provided for himself, and deserves much credit for the success and respectability he has maintained. In early life his educational advantages were very meager, but he attended school for a short time. He improved every opportunity and by private study succeeded in acquiring a good, practical education, which was largely supplemented in the school of experience.

He came to America in 1849 with his mother and brothers and sisters. His mother died in Chicago June 14, 1882.

The first work Mr. Wilke did in Chicago was in unloading canal boats and, being obliged to win his daily bread, he willingly accepted any honorable employment. At the age of seventeen

years he hired out to Henry Weber, to learn the trade of blacksmith, but remained only a year and one-half. He was next employed by Whitbeck & Bishop, manufacturers of farm wagons and plows, and remained with them about four years. In 1853 he joined the old Volunteer Fire Company, and remained a member of that division until he became connected with the Island Queen Company, No. 4, and was the first paid fireman on the West Side. This came about by his having performed two days work in putting up the engine house prior to the complete organization of the company. He was actively engaged with that company about ten years and, owing to failing health, was advised by his physician to take up some out-door employment. He resigned his position and operated an express wagon for a couple of years, and then opened a grocery store and farmers' hotel on Milwaukee Avenue, between Chicago Avenue and Carpenter Street, which he conducted with good success for a period of two years.

He again entered the fire department and remained until the death of his mother. It was in compliance with her request, made two hours before her death, that he quit the dangerous business of fireman. When the office of fire inspector was created he was offered the position, but declined. He holds a certificate of life membership in the Fireman's Benevolent Association. He rang up



the first fire alarm turned in on the new electric fire alarm system, from Box No. 69. When he left the fire department he delivered his badge to the proper authority and the next day Marshal Sweney sent Assistant Marshal Charles Petrie with his badge, who told him that by order of the Chief of the department he returned to him his badge to retain to the end of his life.

Since withdrawing from active service under the fire department, he has done some real estate business and has been chiefly occupied in speculating and looking after his property interests. Mr. Wilke is a lover of fine horses, and always keeps a few fast ones. He is a member of the West Side Driving Association. He takes an active interest in politics, and has supported the Republican party and voted at every election held in Chicago since he became a voter. He has also attended a number of State conventions, and is prominent in the councils of his

party. He helped to organize the Logan Club in the Thirteenth Ward, and was one of the delegates representing the club at a convention held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In 1893 he helped to organize the first McKinley Club in the United States, which was chartered by the State in March, 1894, and has held the office of vice-president. He is a member of the Teutonia Maennerchor. For all things tending toward the good of the public, of city or Nation, he has given his support.

March 1, 1858, he married Miss Christina Ehrhardt, who was born in Baden, Germany, and came to America in 1849. They have had seven children, but only the following are living: Lena, wife of Charles Eils; Adolph J., who is a letter carrier; and Edwin Ferdinand. The members of the family are connected with St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and influential and substantial supporters of the organization.

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## FREDERICK OESTERLE.

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**F**REDERICK OESTERLE, who possesses and successfully conducts a respectable and strictly high grade resort at the corner of Fifty-ninth and State Streets, can with all truth be called an old settler. He has resided in Chicago since 1866, and has participated in all moves for the city's good and the furthering of all improvements. Frederick Oesterle was born January 20, 1847, in Hohenzollern, Hechingen, Germany, and is a son of Jacob and Anna (Spitz) Oesterle.

His paternal grandfather, Nicholas Oesterle, was ninety-six years old when he died, and his wife reached the age of ninety-seven years. They were the parents of two children, a son, Jacob, and one daughter. Mrs. Nicholas Oes-

terle's maiden name was Bachmann. Jacob Oesterle was born March 14, 1814, and lives in the city of his nativity, Hechingen, Germany. He was a gunsmith, but has lived retired the past few years. His wife was born in 1816, and died in 1883. She became the mother of eight children, of whom brief mention will be made. Franz is the oldest. Josephine married Gottfried Metzger, and resided in Chicago subsequently until her death. Rudolph is chief engineer for the concern with which he is employed, and resides on Halsted Street, near Forty-fifth Street. Theresa married Leobold Pfister, and never emigrated from her native land. She is now a widow. Frederick, of whom this article treats, was the next in order of birth. Mary, now re-



siding in Venice, Italy, is the wife of Charles Waters. Joseph is also still in the land of his nativity; and Charles resides in Joliet, Illinois.

Frederick Oesterle reached Chicago in July, 1866, and as he had served as apprentice to a machinist in his native land, he began to seek employment at this trade. He established a catering business at the corner of Halsted and Forty-fourth Streets in 1874, which he conducted eight years. He then removed to the corner of Wentworth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, later removing to Fifty-ninth and State Streets, where he still continues. He was married November 23, 1873, to Miss Josephine Metzger, daughter of Sebastian Metzger, and a native of Germany.

Conducive to the success and happiness of a man is a helpmate like Mr. Oesterle obtained, to make his domestic life one of peace and quiet.

Mr. and Mrs. Oesterle became the parents of five promising children, of whom brief mention is made, as follows: Annie Sophia, born in March, 1875; Frederick, December 18, 1880; Frank, February 28, 1882; Edward, December 28, 1883, and Josie, January 8, 1892.

Mr. Oesterle was reared a Roman Catholic. He is a member of Court Conklin, Independent Order of Foresters, and is connected with the German Order of Harugari. He is not confined to any party in politics, but votes for the man he believes best fitted for the office. He is a man of refined tastes, as is shown by the general appearance and furnishing of his comfortable home and surroundings. His family of children is an interesting one, and it is subjected to the best of rearing, as Mr. Oesterle realizes that his children are going to help make up the coming generation.

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## NICHOLAS ECKHARDT.

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**N**ICHOLAS ECKHARDT is a prominent German-American pioneer of Chicago, who has resided continuously in the city since 1855 and has been active in promoting the best interests of the city. He was born in Hessen-Kurhessel, Germany, September 9, 1832, a son of Jacob and Katherine Eckhardt.

His father died before Nicholas was born, and his mother subsequently married Henry Hamel. Mr. Eckhardt came to the United States in 1849, and in 1854 the family followed, and all remained in New York until 1855, when they removed to Chicago. Here Mrs. Hamel died in 1892, mourned by many friends and relatives. The eldest son, Louis, died in 1872.

Nicholas Eckhardt was educated in the parish school of his native village and, on leaving school, learned the trade of cabinet-maker. He worked at this trade in New York and, after

coming to Chicago, followed the occupation of carpenter about ten years. From the first he took an active interest in the affairs of his adopted country and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1860. He has supported the Republican party since then, and has been an important factor in promoting its success.

In 1872 he was elected alderman from the old Fourteenth Ward and was re-elected in 1874, serving capably four years. In 1856 he joined the old volunteer fire company, serving until 1859, when the companies were put under pay by the city, and remained a member of Island Queen Company No. 4 until 1866, when he resigned. He then engaged in the saloon business on Erie Street for a few months, and removed to No. 448 West Chicago Avenue. In 1871 he purchased the ground, and built his present large and commodious quarters in 1885. In 1879

he was appointed assistant county agent by the Board of County Commissioners, and held the office eight years. He is a member of Goethe Lodge No. 329, and Humboldt Encampment No. 101, Independent Order of Odd Fellows' and of the Knights of Pythias, and has belonged to the Firemen's Benevolent Association since it was first organized. He is public-spirited and has always favored everything for the best interests of the city.

In 1858 he married Sophia Kramer, a native of Germany. They have six children, namely: Louis W., deputy county clerk in the county comptroller's office; Anna M.; Caroline, wife of Tony Mann, of Chicago; Matilda, now Mrs. Marshall; Fred W. and Nicholas A. The members of the family are connected with St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and are highly respected, as influential in all things for the promotion of the church.

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## GEORGE A. HIMLER.

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**G**EORGE ANDREW HIMLER, who is one of the most energetic citizens of Chicago in his line of business, comes of that nation whose men have ever been known for their perseverance and sturdiness of character. He was born December 7, 1860, in Wurtemberg, Germany, a son of Henry and Katharine (Spriegel) Himler.

Henry Himler met a very sad death in the summer of 1861. He was a mail carrier for the German Government, and was interested in an express business besides the above-mentioned occupation. A freight wagon fell on him and caused his untimely death. He was in the prime of life, having reached the age of forty-two years. His widow is still living in Germany, having reached the age of seventy-three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Himler had four children, of whom brief mention is here made: Sophia came to America in 1869, and married Frederick W. Rackow, who is now retired, and resides at No. 4440 Wabash Avenue. John is employed in the Stock Yards, and resides at No. 2908 Fifth Avenue. Henry died at the age of twenty-two years, and George Andrew, the youngest of the family, is the subject of this article.

He reached Chicago in the spring of 1872, and was employed by his brother-in-law, Frederick

W. Rackow, located at the corner of Thirty-first Street and Wentworth Avenue, in the milk business. In 1876 he left this employ and was occupied in different ways for a period of three years. He spent two and one-half years in the service of the North Chicago Street Railway Company, and subsequently a like term with the Chicago City Railway Company, being a conductor the last two years.

Mr. Himler then started business in his own interest, dealing in milk, and located at the corner of Fortieth Street and Armour Avenue. He had a partner for a short time, and continued alone at this location three years. He then removed to the corner of Forty-fifth and State Streets, where he remained but a short time, and later conducted a grocery and milk depot at the corner of Forty-fifth Street and Wentworth Avenue a short time. For five years he dealt in milk alone at the corner of Forty-fifth Street and Wabash Avenue. Since May 1, 1895, he has been at No. 5522 Dearborn Street, which place he purchased.

Mr. Himler was married May 6, 1883, to Miss Mary, daughter of Frederick and Katharine (Gimble) Muench. Mrs. Himler was born July 12, 1862, at the northeast corner of State Street



and Eldridge Court. Her father died in April, 1893, and his remains were interred in Oakwoods Cemetery. He was born July 21, 1836, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America in 1857, locating in Chicago. He was employed by the Mahla & Chappel Chemical Company twenty-five years, and was later employed in the interests of the Seipp Brewing Company until 1891, when he retired.

Frederick Muench bought property at No. 2822 State Street, in 1866. In 1874 he erected the building that now stands at that place. He married Katharine Gimble, who was born March 12, 1845, and died May 17, 1863. She lived in Chicago her entire life and was the mother of one child, wife of the man whose name heads this article. Frederick Muench married for his second wife, Mary Egner, December 25, 1866. She now resides at No. 4556 Indiana Avenue with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Himler have one child, Carrie, who was born July 25, 1884. The widow of Mrs.

Himler's paternal grandfather, Sophia Muench, came to America and died here April 18, 1893, at the age of eighty-three years. Frederick was her eldest child. Christine, the second, married Martin Bermele, and resides at No. 2969 Archer Avenue. Mr. Bermele is retired from active life. Katherine married Philip Grede, a carpenter, and resides at No. 845 Forty-fifth Street. Adam and Christian reside in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

G. A. Himler is connected with Court Imperial No. 173, Independent Order of Foresters, and Jackson Council No. 38, North American Union. He is a stanch Republican, and is a man of upright character and unquestionable principles. He ever advocates the side of right and is in favor of all movements that will tend to uplift the minds of the people in general. He was reared a Protestant and is true to the teachings of his fathers. His fireside is one of harmony and comfort, and his genial companion is a lady of refinement and good taste.

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## PETER LAWRENCE.

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PETER LAWRENCE, a well-known citizen of the northwestern part of Chicago, was born in Denmark August 2, 1845. He secured his education in the seaport town of Copenhagen and being brought into contact with many who either followed the sea or gained their living by ocean trade, he began to look forward to a sailor's life at an early age. When but fifteen years old he became cabin boy on a Danish vessel which carried him to England, where he changed to an American ship bound for New York. He continued on the sea until he reached the age of twenty-five years, and by strict attention to his work, coupled with a desire to excel, he rose to the rank of mate.

In 1870 he resolved to quit a sea-faring life,

and having a natural liking for machinery, he apprenticed himself to learn the machinist's trade. He applied himself faithfully to the business for a period of three and one-half years, and then secured employment in a hat factory. He became very efficient in this line of work, and decided to make the machinery of hat factories his specialty. He worked in various like establishments in New York City ten years.

In 1884 he removed to Chicago, where he secured employment in the hat factory of A. A. Turner, where he remained until 1895. Mr. Lawrence became one of the most skillful men in his line of work and was able, by due care, to accumulate quite a capital from his earnings. He therefore concluded to enter business on his own



account, where his ability in that direction could have greater scope. With this end in view he opened a liquor store in 1895, and has continued the enterprise since. The venture has proved satisfactory from a financial point of view and has considerably bettered his fortune. He conducts a neat and business-like establishment and enjoys the patronage of the best people of his locality.

While residing in New York, in 1872, the sub-

ject of this notice was married to Anna Jane Lucy, who was born in Ireland and came to New York at the age of fifteen years. They have been the parents of six children, only two of whom are living: Peter, junior, and Agnes. The latter is the wife of Ezra Gedultig, of No. 558 North Hoyne Avenue, Chicago. Mr. Lawrence is a member of the Knights of Honor. In politics he uses his vote and influence in support of the Republican party.

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## JACOB NELLES.

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JACOB NELLES, who is engaged in the undertaking business at No. 596 Milwaukee Avenue, has been a resident of Chicago many years. He was born December 10, 1836, in the village of Stommlen, in Rhenish Prussia, Germany, a son of Heinrich and Anna Nelles. The father was a farmer by occupation. His wife died in Germany when Jacob was eleven years of age. The family of children numbered seven, but one daughter, Gertrude, sixteen years of age, was killed by the cars while on the way to the West, at Dunkirk, New York.

Isabella, of this family, is now deceased. Adelaide, now Mrs. Dufrenne, resides at Middleton, Wisconsin. Jacob is the next in order of birth, Wynand and Mathias reside in Chicago, and Sophia is the wife of Charles Reich, of North Wood Street, same city. The father died in Chicago January 23, 1874, while on a visit to his sons.

Jacob was the first of his father's family to come to America, and arrived in 1856. The remainder of the family came in the spring of 1857, and settled in Dane County, Wisconsin, where the father purchased a farm and cultivated it until his death. Jacob Nelles was reared on a farm and educated in the parish schools until he reached the age of fourteen years. He was con-

finied by work at home until he emigrated, with his uncle. They sailed from Antwerp, on the "Richard Mosay," arriving in New York after a journey of forty-six days.

On their arrival he went to Monroe County, Wisconsin, where the uncle purchased a farm. He relates that the following winter was severe, and feed, as well as provisions, was high in price. He paid sixty dollars for a ton of hay. In 1857 his father's family arrived in America and went to Dane County, Wisconsin, where his father located on a farm, and Jacob was in his employ until 1862, when he came to Chicago. He was first employed in this city by John Phillips, in a chair factory, and later by Furst & Bradley, who were manufacturing farm implements. In 1872 Mr. Nelles entered the wholesale grocery of Boyce, Fay & Conkey, as porter. He was in the service of this concern ten years, and subsequently purchased a milk route and followed that business for a period of eight years, and was quite successful.

In 1891 he established an undertaking business, in company with C. H. Sigmund, at No. 440 Noble Street. This connection continued but one year, when Mr. Nelles formed a partnership with Mr. Hilgers, and the name became

Nelles & Hilgers. They purchased the business at his present location of Peter Miller. In 1895 Mr. Nelles purchased his partner's interest, and has since conducted the enterprise alone.

It can be said, to the credit of Mr. Nelles, that he has taken a lively interest in the affairs of his adopted country. He votes in favor of the Democratic party, and, while in Wisconsin, was constable and town treasurer in Cross Plains, Dane County. He is a member of the Catholic Order

of Foresters. November 2, 1869, he married Miss Margaret Moll, a native of Germany, and a pleasant and congenial life companion she has proven to Mr. Nelles. Five children have blessed this union, namely: Frederick, William, Wyand, Anna and Katharine, the last named being the wife of George Du Plain. Mr. Nelles and family are members of St. Boniface Roman Catholic Church, and enjoy the confidence and respect of a large circle of acquaintances.

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## OSCAR MEISTER.

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**O**SCAR MEISTER, who is engaged in an undertaking and embalming business at No. 357 West Division Street, is a member of an old pioneer family and has spent almost his entire life in Chicago. He is the eldest son of Charles and Augusta (Doll) Meister. For further mention of his ancestors refer to biography of Charles Meister, on another page of this work. He was born in Saxony, Germany, April 24, 1854, and was only a few weeks old when his parents began their journey to the United States.

Oscar Meister received his education in the public schools of the city and attended Dyrenfurth's Business College three terms. After leaving school he learned the trade of upholsterer and worked at the business eight years. In 1877 he went to Bement, Illinois, and established a furniture and undertaking business, but returned to Chicago after two years. He subsequently opened an undertaking and livery business at Milwaukee Avenue and Division Street, and conducted a successful trade ten years at that location. At the end of that time he removed to his present place of business. He has always taken an active interest in the political questions of the times. He was formerly a Re-

publican, but left that party in 1896, with many others, being a strong advocate for the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver.

Mr. Meister is a member of Lessing Lodge No. 557, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Northwestern Lodge No. 338, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is besides these, a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of Honor and the Knights and Ladies of Honor, having served as Grand Treasurer in 1894 in the last mentioned order.

Besides being successful in many undertakings of business, Mr. Meister was very fortunate in securing for a wife, a pleasant, congenial lady of refinement, Matilda, daughter of Charles Ortman, who became Mrs. Meister September 26, 1878. Two children blessed this union, and have been named Viola and Chester. Mr. Meister is endeavoring to do his best for his children and make them a credit to mankind in general and to the name they bear. They are both interesting and of pleasant dispositions.

Though not connected with any religious denomination, Mr. Meister was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and encourages any move made for the benefit of the people.

## ADAM BLACKBURN.

ADAM BLACKBURN, who is a descendant of a very old English family, was born February 10, 1833, in Burnley, Lancashire, England. He is a son of John and Ellen Blackburn, and is one of Chicago's most worthy and respected citizens. His grandfather, John Blackburn, was a florist and gardener, whose children were: John, Robert and Thomas. John Blackburn, father of the man whose name heads this article, was a blast-tender in Moslam's foundry in Burnley. His children were Margaret, Alice and Adam. The first daughter was born in 1827, is married and lives in Burnley. Her sister, born in 1829, is also married, and living in the city of her birth.

Adam Blackburn learned the trade of cotton-spinner in Burnley, and at the age of fourteen years entered upon the struggle of life, immediately drawing journeyman's wages. He was occupied as spinner until the Civil War broke out in the United States, and emigrated to America in 1863, arriving in Chicago July 23. He left Liverpool July 1, on the "Edinboro." With his wife and four children, he entered life in America with a persevering spirit and energy that was admirable.

He began shoveling grain for the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and after a short time resolved to learn the occupation of a coffee roaster. He therefore entered the employ of A. N. Thompson, on Canal Street, since which time he has been in his service. The firm name later became

Thompson & Taylor, and is now the Thompson & Taylor Spice Company. The concern moved to No. 40 South Water Street, and was burned out at the time of the great fire of 1871. They returned to the old building on Canal Street and later were to be found at No. 40 South Water Street, in their former quarters. The concern built at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Lake Street and is now located at that point.

For twenty years Mr. Blackburn had charge of the coffee roaster and later took charge of the night watch, in which capacity he is now serving. He has held this position the past eleven years and is one of the best and most diligent men in the firm's employ. Twenty years ago he purchased his present property, at No. 244 Bissell Street, and has since resided at this number. He has always lived on the North Side since locating in Chicago, and was at one time at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Cass Street. He lost all his buildings in the great fire and was later located on Townsend Avenue near Chicago Avenue.

October 9, 1854, Mr. Blackburn was married to Miss Elizabeth Astin, daughter of John Astin. She was born July 14, 1836, in the town of Leeds, Lancashire, England, and died April 13, 1887. Her remains were interred in Rosehill Cemetery. Of her sons, William M. and John Edward, further notice appears elsewhere in this volume. Thomas Astin, the youngest son, was born March 17, 1860, in Burnley, England. He attended school at the Newberry School until fif-



teen years of age, and then took a business course at the old Metropolitan Business College, which lasted six months. He was some time at the Kinzie School, also. In the summer of 1871 he entered the store of Marshall Field & Company, as cash boy, and lost his position at the time of the fire. He then entered the employ of the Thompson & Taylor Spice Company, and for a time was in the mill. He has been doing clerical work for the concern since 1892.

Thomas Astin Blackburn was married October 10, 1887, to Corrinne Dugas, daughter of Benjamin Nicholas and Vitiline (Proulx) Dugas. Mrs. T. A. Blackburn was born in Kankakee, Illinois, January 12, 1870. For her ancestry refer to article on the life of B. N. Dugas, on another page of this work. The children of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Blackburn are as follows: June Elizabeth, born June 9, 1891; James Clarence, October 30, 1892; and Percival Thomas, July 3, 1890, died November 16, 1890. Elizabeth Ellen is the

youngest child of the man whose name heads this article, and was born January 9, 1862. She married Frank Spamer, and resides at No. 303 Sheffield Avenue.

Adam Blackburn married, for his second wife, Mary, daughter of James Franklin and Bridget (Barry) Robinson. She was born April 22, 1864, on a farm three miles from Thorn Hill, Ontario, Canada, and came to Chicago in 1868. Her children are as follows: Oliver, born February 7, 1890; George Evans, July 6, 1892; Wendell, July 24, 1895; Dwight Moody, who was born May 24, 1897, and died November 7, 1897; and Eugene Field, born September 14, 1898.

Adam Blackburn is a Republican, and votes in favor of the candidates of this party at all opportunities. He was active in the Odd Fellows in England, and belonged to the I. N. G. Lodge of Burnley. It is one of the oldest lodges in that country, and in the year he left for America he was Past Provincial Grand Master.

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## HERMAN BRAUN.

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**H**ERMAN BRAUN, JUNIOR. The most skilful and noted musicians have been Germans, or descended from this sturdy and cultured race, and the following article on the life of one of the finest musicians Chicago boasts, proves the rule. Herman Braun, junior, is the son of a well-known musician and has for many years been connected with the Thomas Orchestra. He was born April 3, 1863, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a son of Herman and Dorothea Braun. For further mention of his ancestry, refer to article on Herman Braun, senior, on another page of this volume.

The subject of this sketch attended the Kinzie School until he was fifteen years of age, and began the study of music at twelve years of age.

His first lessons were given by William Fehl, now leading violinist of the orchestra at McVicker's theater, all his study being on the violin. After a short time under the instruction of Adolph Rosenbecker, he took lessons of Samuel Jacobson, professor at the Chicago Musical College. He studied music six years, making a specialty of the violin, under instructors, and has never ceased to keep his attention on the progress of the World of Music. For fifteen years he has been with the Chicago Orchestra, his first work being at McVicker's Theater, when he was but fourteen years of age. He gives lessons to pupils at their homes or his own residence, and is pronounced a proficient and altogether profitable instructor.

Since 1893 Mr. Braun has possessed the house

which he occupies, at No. 5614 Dearborn Street, a comfortable and desirable home. Nothing is more conducive to the success and happiness of a man, no matter what his vocation, than a pleasant, helpful life companion, such as Mr. Braun was able to obtain. He was married April 5, 1885, to Mary Magdalena, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Lippert) Nürnberger. Mrs. Braun was born June 28, 1862, at the corner of Clark and Ontario Streets. For further mention of her ancestry refer to biography of Christian Henry Nürnberger, on another page of this work.

Herman Braun is connected with Lincoln Council No. 9, Royal League. He is a member of the Chicago Musical Society and Chicago Aschenbrodel-Verein. He is independent in political views, voting in favor of the man, who, in his opinion, is best fitted to fill public office. Mr. Braun's talents cannot be overrated, and by patient application he has attained a degree of skill in violin-playing that is seldom equaled, and surpassed by but few in Chicago. The above-mentioned fact is proved by his long service with the Chicago Orchestra, the famous Thomas organization.

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## GEORGE H. WELBOURN.

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**G**EORGE HENRY WELBOURN, one of the native sons of Cook County, is now engaged in business in his native place. His grandfather, Thomas Welbourn, was an early resident of the county, and is mentioned at some length in this volume, in connection with the biography of W. T. Welbourn.

John Welbourn, father of the subject of this sketch, was born April 10, 1839, in Lund, Yorkshire, England, and came to America with his father's family in 1845, arriving at Chicago and Summit on the fourth day of July. He was early accustomed to assist his father, as far as he was able, in the conduct of his daily labors, and never enjoyed any educational advantages except such as the broad American civilization affords to every intelligent citizen. At the time when the family settled at "The Summit," there were no schools within his reach, and he soon set out to make his own way in the world. The early death of his father increased his responsibilities, and at the age of twelve years he began as a farm laborer. Of his monthly stipend of seven dollars, six-sevenths were regularly turned over to his mother, to assist her in caring for the

younger children. These early experiences taught him to be frugal, and his natural industry insured his advancement in the world. After a time he was enabled to fill a man's place on the canal, in railroad labor and elsewhere. For a period of two and one-half years he tilled forty acres of land which he rented, and at the end of this period he purchased a house in the village of Summit and turned his attention to teaming. This occupied him twenty years or more, and his diligence and good management enabled him to purchase land which he tilled. This ground was sold to the Sanitary District of Chicago for the use of the drainage canal, and Mr. Welbourn retired from active labor. At this time he purchased the hotel which is operated by his son, with whom he continues to reside. His first house in Summit was burned after the war (as afterwards discovered, by an incendiary, who took this means to hide the theft of a sum of money from the house). This was a hard blow to Mr. Welbourn, as all his savings were lost, but he did not repine, and set to work to repair his fortunes.

In 1858 Mr. Welbourn married Mrs. Mary



Connors (born Smith), widow of Ned Connors. She was a native of Ireland, and died at Summit in 1891. During the absence of her husband in the Union army, she conducted the hotel now managed by her son, and thus supported her family. She had two sons, John and James Connors, the latter being now deceased, and the other a resident of Chicago. She gave three sons to Mr. Welbourn, namely: Thomas, William and George. The first is the owner of a store at Summit, which is now rented, and was until recently engaged in mercantile business at La Grange. The second is a farmer at Effingham, Illinois, and the third is he whose name heads this notice. For his second wife Mr. Welbourn wedded Mrs. Julia, widow of William Corbett, who was born Tobin, in this country, of Irish parents. Mr. Welbourn and family are affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, and he and his sons are faithful supporters of the Democratic party in political matters.

Early in 1864, Mr. Welbourn enlisted as a recruit in Company I, Forty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the Civil war. He experienced the hardships of the veteran soldier, taking part in the Tennessee campaign under General Thomas, and participating in the hard-fought battles of Franklin, Spring Hill and the two battles of Nashville. At Franklin his head was grazed by a bullet which inflicted a scalp wound, and at the same contest another

bullet bent his belt-buckle double, the buckle alone saving his life. Out of the full regiment of one thousand and one men, only one hundred and sixty came back to Nashville at the close of this terrible service.

George Henry Welbourn was born in the year 1866, in the house where he now conducts a hotel, and has passed his entire life in and near the village of Summit. His education was supplied by the public schools of this place. When he approached man's estate he became associated with his father in the management of his affairs, and took active charge in the spring of 1893, when they became proprietors of the hotel. In connection with this he maintains a weighing scale, which is a great convenience to the farmers and business men of the vicinity.

May 1, 1895, Mr. Welbourn was married to Miss Anna Corbett, who was born in Chicago, and is a daughter of the late William Corbett and of John Welbourn's second wife, as above shown. The other children of Mr. Corbett, Lida and John Corbett, are residents of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. George Welbourn have a son, born August 6, 1897, and christened George Francis, a very bright and promising child.

Mr. Welbourn is widely known in the southern part of Cook County, and is a genial and sound-minded gentleman. The confidence of his neighbors is shown in the fact that he has served them six years as a trustee of the village of Summit.

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## JENS C. CHRISTENSEN.

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JENS CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN, who is a skilled and competent watchmaker and jeweler, belongs to the class of men who have learned the art of their profession in a foreign land, where instructors are severe and the term of apprenticeship long, and traveled to the United

States to practice where services are better rewarded. He is well known in the vicinity where his business is located and his ability in his line is recognized.

Mr. Christensen was born April 26, 1841, in Denmark, and is the only child of Christian John-



son and his beloved wife. He was reared and educated and learned the trade which he has followed since in the region of his birthplace. He passed through the long apprenticeship of five years, bravely and successfully, and emerged a watchmaker and repairer of the first class. After being employed in Copenhagen two years, he located in the western part of Denmark, where he established a business in manufacturing time-pieces. He remained in the vicinity and in the same business twenty years.

In 1884 Mr. Christensen decided to come to America and embarked for this country. He traveled directly to Chicago and opened business at No. 96 Ohio Street, remaining at this number three years, conducting a repair shop. He removed to No. 57 Huron Street, where he re-

mained until 1896, at which time he went to his present location, No. 765 West North Avenue. He is a first class business man and turns out some very fine work.

Mr. Christensen was married before he left the land of his nativity, in 1870, to Miss Christiana Anderson. They became the parents of two sons, who are a credit to the rearing they have received and to their parents' name. Christ, the older, is a jeweler, living in the State of Missouri. John resides in Chicago, on the North Side. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen are refined and intelligent people and move in very good society. They are influential members of the Danish Lutheran Church, in which they are useful in many ways. They are possessed of quiet and kindly minds, and their home is one of harmony and happiness.

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## HENRY L. HUGUELET.

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**H**ENRY LOUIS HUGUELET, who comes of an old and highly respected family, has spent his entire life in the land of his birth. He was born March 6, 1852, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which city was at that time a mere country town. For his ancestry see article on the life of Louis Huguelet, on another page of this work. The rudiments of his education were obtained in the Ogden School, in Chicago, but his practical knowledge has been gained in the vast school of experience, which has turned out so many successful, useful men. On reaching the age of fourteen years he left school and was employed one year in the tin shop of the Adams & Westlake Company. He also was in the employ of Mr. Clusher the same length of time, and six subsequent months worked in the interests of T. Alemdinger.

He was for a term of sixteen years in the service of Burley & Company, wholesale dealers in

crockery, which length of time in the employ of one concern proves his integrity and power to satisfy the demands of an employer. He was seven years in Marshall Field & Company's retail store and since that time was two years caging on the Lake tunnel. This position was only temporary and has since become extinct, as the tunnel was finished. At whatever Mr. Huguelet becomes occupied, he is sure to succeed, as he is naturally energetic and ambitious, and his fine characteristics are recognized, without fail.

Being economical and wishing to thrive, Mr. Huguelet became able, in 1887, to build a residence at No. 1493 Roscoe Street, which was the first residence built on that street. He resides here with his family, the house furnishing a very comfortable home. He was very fortunate in securing a helpmate whose influence is conducive to his success and who is an aid in all matters of

business or social importance. He was married August 2, 1881, to Miss Nellie, daughter of Robert and Jane (Hamilton) Orr. Mrs. Huguelet was born in Chicago, and has two children, Robert Edward, who was born July, 3, 1882, and Henry David, November 26, 1883. Mrs. Jane Orr and her son, James, reside at No. 12 Waterloo Place, Chicago.

Mr. Huguelet is identified with Press Council No. 71, National Union, in which he is prominent and well known. He is a staunch Republican and lends his influence in favor of his party at all times. He is a good, honorable citizen of Chicago, does all in his power toward the uplifting of mankind in general, and tries to rear his children in the way which they should go.

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## WILLIAM MOGENSEN.

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**W**ILLIAM MOGENSEN, though a native of a foreign country, is a notable example of what may be accomplished by that untiring energy and thrift for which Americans are justly noted. He was born in the city of Copenhagen, Denmark, June 26, 1864, and is the son of a butcher of that place. He received the advantages of a common school education, supplemented by a course in a high school. At the age of fourteen years he entered his father's shop to learn the trade, and put forth every effort to become a practical workman. He continued in his father's employ until 1886, when he married and opened a shop of his own, which he conducted successfully about four years. He had already shown an aptitude for business, and in 1890 left his native town, traveling directly to Chicago, where he knew many of his fellow-countrymen had found comfortable homes and good business advantages. Having acquired but little knowledge of the language and business methods of the city of his adoption, Mr. Mogensen was not able to take up the business for which he had already fitted himself, but was obliged to seek some form of manual labor. His determination to succeed, however, made him welcome any form of honest employment, his first attempt being as a hod carrier. He subsequently worked five months for the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and six

months for Marshall Field. He saved his money carefully, at the same time doing his best to master the English language, and in 1892 was enabled to open a meat market in Armitage Avenue. His capital at that time amounted to but sixty-five dollars, and some idea of the success of his business may be obtained from the fact that his present stock is valued at ten thousand dollars. To his skill as a practical butcher is due no small amount of his success, but the greater part must be attributed to his rare business sagacity and persevering energy. Though at first his business was necessarily small, he soon won the trade of the best people in his locality, his judgment in the selection of goods being of the first order. He had served an apprenticeship in all branches of his trade and, as his business increased, he began packing meats and manufacturing various meat products. He found a ready sale for these and has a good trade among other retailers in the northwestern part of the city. In 1898 he bought the building at No. 759 Armitage Avenue, so that his establishment includes three buildings, Nos. 755, 757 and 759, in that street. As Mr. Mogensen is still comparatively a young man, it is easy to predict for him continued success, and the accumulation of a considerable fortune.

Despite the fact that business cares take a large



part of his attention, the subject of this notice finds ample time for various social obligations. He is a member of Denmark Lodge No. 112, Knights of Pythias; Commonwealth Council, No. 72, of the Royal League; Jefferson Lodge No. 20, Order of Columbian Knights; and Chicago Lodge, No. 17, of the Danish Brotherhood. Po-

litically he is a Republican. His business connections have given him a wide acquaintance and he has many friends among all classes. Mrs. Mogensen is also a native of Copenhagen, and has been a true helpmeet, assisting her husband very materially in the conduct of his business. They have one son, William.

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## HENRY MEINHEIT.

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**H**ENRY MEINHEIT is a worthy representative of the German-American citizen, a pioneer, and a resident of Chicago for more than fifty years. He was born in Marklendorf, Hanover, Germany, July 25, 1825, and is a son of J. H. and Marie (Brown) Meinheit, both of whom died in the Fatherland.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meinheit consisted of three sons and one daughter, namely: Heinrich, who died in Cook County; Frederick, also deceased; Mary, who became the wife of Diedrick Kruse, and died in Cook County. Henry is the only one now living.

He was educated in the parish schools and after leaving school learned the trade of shoemaker, serving four years, after which he traveled from city to city, working at his trade. May 15, 1847, he sailed from Bremen Harbor, in a sailing ship, bound for Quebec, where he landed after a sail of nine weeks and two days. He came directly to Chicago by water, the trip from Quebec to Chicago occupying two weeks and one day.

On his arrival in America he was poor in finances, and was some fifty dollars in debt. For a few months after landing he worked for a dollar per week and board, and then was compensated by twelve dollars per month. For six years he was in the service of one concern and then started in business for himself, at No. 336

Milwaukee Avenue. He purchased his lot for one hundred and thirty-five dollars, and erected the fourth house on the street. At this location he conducted business eight years. Four years after locating there he built another house in the same block, on Green Street, and at the end of eight years he removed to Salt Creek, Du Page County, and there carried on a shoe shop nine years, with good success. He subsequently sold out and returned to Chicago, locating at No. 256 West Chicago Avenue, on property he purchased while living in the country, and has lived here continuously since. He built the house in 1871, and has since lived in retirement. By careful attention to business, and judiciously investing his savings in real estate, he has become wealthy. Besides his property on Chicago Avenue and on Ayers Court, he owns a section of land in Jackson County, Minnesota.

Mr. Meinheit has supported the Republican party since Lincoln was first elected President, but never sought public office of any kind. He has supported every movement for the benefit of the city. He was married in Chicago, September 15, 1849, to Mary Diercks, a native of Germany, who came to Chicago in 1845. They had seven children, namely: Carrie, now deceased; Sophia, wife of Otto Meinheit, of Matteson, Cook County; Henry, deceased; Augusta; Mary, who became the wife of Christ Brinckman and died in Sep-



tember, 1898; Melinda, wife of John Peter Gondolf, of Chicago; and Rosa, who died in childhood. The mother died April 1, 1892. The family is connected with St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mr. Meinheit has been a member of Goethe Lodge No. 329, Independent Order of Odd Fel-

lows, for over thirty years. During his residence of more than half a century in Cook County, he has proved himself an honest, industrious, capable man of affairs, a loyal citizen and true friend, and has endeared himself to a host of friends, who honor him for his sterling integrity and uprightness of character.

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## CHRISTIAN SINK.

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CHRISTIAN SINK, who has been a loyal and worthy citizen of the United States since the day of his birth, is an employe of the Chicago City Railway Company and a member of an old and highly respected family. He was born February 8, 1861, in Michigan. For his ancestry refer to the article on the life of Bernhardt Sink, on another page of this volume. Like many another successful man, he has obtained the bulk of his education in the vast school of experience, and has a practical knowledge of the world, which stands him in good stead at all times.

His first employment was in running errands, and after one year was occupied as driver, and subsequently removed to Wisconsin. He was by this time old enough to assist on his father's farm, and in the summer was employed on river boats. His work took him to the woods near Winona, Minnesota. This is a lumber district of wide renown, and a strong man can find plenty of employment at almost any time in this region. Mr. Sink was in the service of the Lossig Bridge Company one year, after which he concluded to change his location and mode of living.

Mr. Sink came to Chicago in the summer of 1886, and was employed in iron works for a few months. He then entered the service of the company that now employs him, the Chicago City Railway Company, as grip lifter. He occupied

this position six years and was then made barn man, and is thus occupied at the present time. He is a valued employe, and is admired and honored by all who come in contact with his genial, generous nature.

Conducive to the success and good character of a man is a pleasant, helpful life companion. It was Mr. Sink's good fortune to obtain a lady meeting these requirements and those of refinement and culture. Miss Mary Agnes Crane, daughter of John and Mary (Hoare) Crane, became Mrs. Christian Sink December 11, 1881. Mrs. Sink was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, about the year 1861. She came West with her parents when she was three years of age, and lived in La Salle, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Sink are the parents of six children, namely: Frank Elmer, born June 20, 1884; Flora Marie, November 22, 1886; Benjamin Bernard, November 5, 1891; William, February 11, 1893; Christian, June 27, 1896; and Joseph, July 17, 1897. They compose a very bright and interesting family, and are a credit to their parents.

Christian Sink was reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, and follows the teachings of his fathers. He is a staunch Democrat in political matters. He is a well-known man, and his excellent qualities of heart are recognized and win him many lasting friends.

## GEN. ARTHUR C. DUCAT.

GEN. ARTHUR CHARLES DUCAT was born in Dublin, Ireland, on the 24th of February, 1830. His father, Mungo Moray Ducat, was a gentleman who traced his lineage from a very ancient Highland family, renowned in the annals of Scotland. He was a native of Cupar Angus, but in early life removed to New Lawn, County Dublin, Ireland, where he also possessed large estates. His wife, Dorcas Julia Atkinson, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and died in Downer's Grove, Illinois, in November, 1889, aged eighty-six years. Her father was an Englishman, of Cambridgeshire.

Arthur C. Ducat was educated at private schools in his native city, and at the age of nineteen years came to America with the intention of becoming a civil engineer. He pursued that profession for some years on important railroad lines and other public works. This occupation was abandoned when he was tendered the position of Secretary and General Surveyor of the Board of Underwriters of Chicago, which position he accepted and occupied until the opening of the Civil War. In the mean time he began to manifest a keen interest in the affairs of the city, and organized, drilled and disciplined the Citizens' Fire Brigade, a semi-military and armed body of citizens. Their duties were to attend fires and save and guard property and life. This action also had a deeper meaning, for Ducat had resolved to abolish the old "volunteer" fire department and

introduce a new one in its place on a paid and disciplined basis, employing steam fire-engines. He was obliged to protect the first engines brought to Chicago from the demonstrations and attacks of mobs, incited by the bad element of the volunteer department, which he did by the aid of his fire brigade. He wrote the ordinances establishing and substituting steam engines for the old hand machines, and enlisted the vote of the Common Council to adopt it.

Upon the beginning of hostilities between the North and the South, he was one of the first to offer substantial aid in support of the Government. His taste had led him to the study of military history and science, and he knew as much of the art of war as a lieutenant fresh from West Point. The roar of the first guns had scarcely ceased before he had raised and offered—first to the State of Illinois and then to the National Government—a corps of three hundred engineers, sappers and miners. Many of these men were professionals who had seen service and understood the details of field and permanent fortifications, and works connected therewith, the rapid construction of bridges, roads, etc. The Government was not aware, however, of the struggle before it and perhaps thought that engineers would not be necessary. So Ducat was chagrined and disappointed by the rejection of what he foresaw would be a much-needed service. Notwithstanding this refusal, he immediately enlisted as a private, and



in April, 1861, became a member of the Twelfth Illinois Infantry. He was without political, governmental or family influence, and resolved to do his duty and depend upon his merits for promotion. Although a good horseman, he selected the infantry arm of the service, as he believed it would do most of the fighting. His regiment was among the first that seized the important strategic point of Cairo and supported General Lyon in taking possession of the arsenal at St. Louis. It was not long before Ducat's military acquirements and capabilities were appreciated. Within a month he was commissioned Second Lieutenant, and afterwards appointed Adjutant of the regiment. Upon the expiration of the three months for which he had enlisted, he was again enrolled for three years in the same regiment, and appointed Captain of Company A. The Twelfth formed a part of the brigade that first occupied the sacred soil of Kentucky, taking possession of Paducah in August, 1861. Here he was promoted to be Major of his regiment, and in the month of April following, at Fort Donelson, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In August, 1862, he was appointed to the command of the grand guards, pickets and outposts for the Army of the Tennessee. When Major-General Ord was appointed to the command, Ducat was ordered to his staff, and when Major-General Rosecrans relieved General Ord, Ducat was attached to the staff of the former. At Rosecrans' great battle of Corinth and the subsequent pursuit of the enemy, he served as acting Chief of Staff and Inspector-General, and so conducted himself as to receive the warmest congratulations of his superior officers, not only for bravery, but for efficiency, making most important suggestions as to movements, and carrying them out with great success.

Subsequently he was directed by the general in command to conduct a flag of truce to the enemy at Holly Springs, Mississippi, a distance of over seventy-five miles, through a country infested with a superior force of guerrillas and the enemy's cavalry, who were not to be depended upon to recognize a flag of truce. He succeeded, and displayed as much tact and discretion in the im-

portant negotiations entrusted to him as in the field. He was afterward detailed to arrange with General Burnside the Knoxville campaign, representing General Rosecrans on that occasion.

When Major-General Rosecrans took command of the forces known as the Army of the Ohio (which subsequently became the Army of the Cumberland), Colonel Ducat was ordered to accompany General Rosecrans and named as acting Chief of Staff and acting Inspector-General. In this important and responsible position he rendered the most efficient service in re-organizing, equipping, disciplining and drilling the army, in raising the siege of Nashville, and in opening the railway from that city to Louisville. He was afterward appointed by the War Department Inspector-General of the Fourteenth Army Corps, and after the battle of Stone River and the organization of the Army and Department of the Cumberland, he was appointed Inspector-General of that army and department (the most military of the staff positions), in addition to which he had charge of the grand guards, pickets and outposts, and the organization of the signal corps of the army. When it is recollected that Ducat was a self-educated soldier, his selection from among the many able and experienced men who had made war their profession is a distinction indicating a high degree of merit. He organized the Bureau of the Inspector-General on a system substantially new, but adapted to secure the greatest efficiency and discipline of a great army in the field. At first his strict and rigid exactions rendered him unpopular, but as soon as results began to manifest themselves in the greater efficiency of the troops, their sanitary condition and military spirit, he became, among officers and men, one of the most popular officers of that army. He formulated and put in practice a system of picketing and outposting an army which highly distinguished him. When General Rosecrans was relieved and Maj.-Gen. George H. Thomas took command, Ducat was ordered to the staff of the latter, in which capacity he served until he left the service at the close of the war, respected and beloved by all.

Many of these facts are obtained from an arti-



cle written by General Rosecrans, who also said of him: "I regard him as an extraordinary man, \* \* \* an excellent tactician, \* \* a soldier by nature; so much so, that he never exacted the credit he easily merited, nor the promotion given to less able and more plodding men."

The following is from the pen of General Grant: "His services have been very valuable and have been highly appreciated." General Thomas wrote: "One of the most able and useful of the army staff and cannot well be spared." General Sheridan characterized him as "an officer of high standing and distinguished merit." Another writer on the war says: "Ducat was early distinguished for his thorough knowledge of military details, his organizing powers and his executive ability; but especially for his sleepless vigilance and activity, that mastered all details of topography and the movement of hostile armies."

The late President Garfield, Quartermaster General Meigs, Major Generals Ord, Palmer, and others, addressed the war department, recommending the higher promotion of Ducat, but the lack of influence at headquarters, together with his own indifference regarding promotion, seemed to prevent him from receiving appointments to higher commands. He was always fully contented in any capacity in the army to which he was appointed.

Soon after the close of hostilities, the Home Insurance Company, of New York, appointed him to superintend its business in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, and shortly afterward he became its general agent in Chicago. His career as an active underwriter was eminently successful, his popularity and acquaintance throughout the West being of great advantage to his employers. The firm of Ducat & Lyon, of which he was the head, carries on a general fire-insurance business. The business under his control has always been successful and profitable. One of the standard works of America is "Ducat's Practice of Fire Underwriting," which he brought out in 1857.

Before the great fire he was chairman of the committee that organized the celebrated Fire Insurance Patrol of Chicago. He remained

chairman of the Patrol Committee five years after the fire, and infused into it the *esprit du corps* and military spirit that have characterized it and brought about the extension of the fire limits to be co-extensive with the city limits—an important work, adroitly managed in the face of great opposition. He was chairman of the committee which framed the new building law after the great fire, and, in conjunction with Frederick Baumann, wrote the most elaborate and well-digested building law in this or any other country. The Board of Local Fire Underwriters was organized on the basis of his recommendation, in the capacity of committee for that purpose, to which position he was appointed soon after the great fire.

In 1873 there was a movement in Illinois to reorganize the National Guard of the State. The advice of General Ducat on this subject was sought, and the military code upon which the present efficient Guard was organized is the product of his brain and pen, for which he was made major general and its commander. In 1886 he was elected commander of the Illinois Commandery of the military order of the Loyal Legion. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Masonic order, being identified with Apollo Commandery, Knights Templar; and a member of the Chicago Club. He was always a staunch Republican, though never a candidate for civil office. He was married to Miss Mary Lyon, daughter of William Lyon, Esq., of Bedford, Pennsylvania. Her death occurred in Chicago, October 26, 1890, at the age of forty-three years. In 1892 he was married to Miss Alice Jane Soutar, daughter of P. J. Soutar, an eminent lawyer of Dunfermline, Scotland. Six of General Ducat's children survive. Arthur C., Jr., a graduate of West Point, is a lieutenant in the United States Army; Kate, the second child, is the wife of C. P. Stivers, of Chicago; and Mary, Reginald, Elizabeth and Alice complete the family, whose members are communicants of the Episcopal Church, in which General Ducat was reared. The latter died January 29, 1896, at his home in Downer's Grove.

## DANIEL WARREN.

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**D**ANIEL WARREN, one of the pioneers of Illinois, deserves more than passing notice in this record. He was the representative of one of the oldest American families, which will always live in history because of the brave general who lost his life at the battle of Bunker Hill. Daniel Warren was a successful business man, who came West to embrace the opportunity to secure a large landed estate at small original outlay. He was a native of Massachusetts, born about 1780, near Concord, the scene of the first conflict of arms in behalf of colonial independence and American liberty.

In early life, Mr. Warren went to western New York, and opened the first store in Fredonia, Chautauqua County, that State. He afterward lived about fourteen years in Westfield, same county. While a resident of New York, he became acquainted with the Naper brothers, who settled the present prosperous town of Naperville, in Du Page County, Illinois. Naturally, when he decided to locate in the West, he called upon them, at their Illinois home, and at once found a satisfactory location about halfway between Naperville and the present town of Warrenville. This was in the spring of 1833, while Chicago was scarcely thought of as a city, and certainly, its present marvelous development undreamed-of by the wildest speculator on human destiny. In a few years, Mr. Warren sold out his claim and moved to the present site of Warrenville, where he built a sawmill and laid out a town. He also secured nearly a section of land, and made farming his principal industry until advancing years caused his retirement from active life. In all his undertakings, he was assisted by his only son, Col. J. M. Warren, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume. The father

passed away at his home in Warrenville in 1866, aged eighty-six years.

Nancy Morton, who became the wife of Daniel Warren, and the mother of a son and seven daughters, was born in Orange, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the ninth day of February, 1785. When nine years old, she went with her parents to Madison County, New York, and was the favorite companion of her brother, Rev. Salmon Morton, a well-known pioneer clergyman of western New York. That she was a woman of refinement and graces of mind is shown by the character of her daughters, several of whom became ornaments of Chicago society. The pioneers were largely dependent upon their own resources for amusement and culture, and the youth of the time were fortunate whose parents brought educated and refining influences with them. Mrs. Warren took a keen delight in the lives of her offspring, and lived to a great age, retaining her faculties to the end, which came February 4, 1873, and she was buried on the eighty-eighth anniversary of her birth.

Following are the names of the children of Daniel and Nancy (Morton) Warren: Philinda, widow of P. H. Fowler, now in her ninety-first year, residing at Warrenville; Louisa, married Frederick Bird, and died at Rockton, Illinois; Julius Morton (see biography elsewhere in this volume); Sarah, wife of Abel Carpenter, died in Chicago; she was one of the first teachers in this city, in a select school; Harriet, Mrs. C. B. Dodson, lived at Geneva, Illinois, where she died; Mary and Maria were twins, the former now residing in Chicago, being the widow of Jerome Beecher, and the latter died in the same city, while wife of Silas B. Cobb; Jane married N. B. Curtiss, a prominent business man of Peoria.

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## CHARLES C. P. HOLDEN.

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CHARLES C. P. HOLDEN was born at Groton, New Hampshire, August 9, 1827. His father's name was Phineas H., and his mother, prior to her marriage, was Miss Betsey Parker. His genealogical record shows his earliest American ancestor to have been one Richard Holden, who, in 1634, with his brother Justinian, came from Ipswich, England, in the sailing-vessel "Francis," settling in the locality which afterward became Watertown, Massachusetts. Mr. Holden's maternal grandfather was Lieutenant Levi Parker, a patriot who served in the army of the Revolution, taking part in the battle of Bunker Hill and not returning to his fireside until after the surrender of Cornwallis. He chanced to be with Washington at the time of Arnold's treason and Andre's capture, and served as one of the guards at the execution of the gallant British officer who was punished as a spy, and whose conspicuous bravery Lieutenant Parker sincerely admired.

Mr. Holden's father, with his family of nine children, came West in 1836, reaching Chicago June 30. With hired ox-teams he at once set out for the prairie, where he pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of Government land, selecting as a location Skunk's Grove, on the "Sauk Trail," in the edge of Will County, thirty miles south of the future city. He was the first settler in that region, his nearest neighbor being two miles and a-half distant, and his children being compelled to walk three miles across the trackless prairie to receive instruction in the rude log hut which served as a schoolhouse.

Among such surroundings Charles rapidly de-

veloped great physical strength. When not more than ten years old he drove a breaking team of five yoke of oxen, his father holding the plow, and was able to do all that usually fell to the lot of farmers' boys in those early days. When he was fifteen, his father placed him in Sweet's grocery store, on North Water Street, near Wolcott, now North State Street, where for six months he worked hard for his board. At the end of that time, however, his employer presented him with a pair of cassimere pantaloons, which the young clerk highly prized.

In the spring of 1847 his patriotic ardor, no less than his love of adventure, prompted him to enlist in Company F, of the Fifth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, and after serving until the end of the Mexican War he was mustered out of service at Alton, Illinois, October 16, 1848. He immediately secured employment in the book store of A. H. & C. Burley, where he remained until March, 1850. On the 19th of that month he joined a party which set out from Old Fort Kearney, Missouri, for California. The route was overland, and the pilgrims took up their weary journey with two teams. They reached Hangtown July 12 and at once began mining on the Middle Fork of the American River. Young Holden spent two seasons on this stream, passing the second at Coloma Bar. In the fall of 1851 he began farming and stock-raising at Napa Valley, which pursuits he followed until December 1, 1853, when he turned his face eastward. He took passage on the steamship "Winfield Scott," bound from San Francisco for Panama, but the vessel was wrecked in a fog on the reef of Anna Capa Island, at midnight, December 2. As soon as the grinding of the ship's bottom on

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the rocks aroused the three hundred or more passengers to a comprehension of their danger, they buckled on life preservers, promptly given them by the officers, and anxiously awaited their supposed fate. They recalled the doom of the ill-fated "Independence," which had gone to the bottom a few months before with four hundred souls on board. The officers of the "Winfield Scott" did their duty nobly, the furnace fires were promptly extinguished and the first boatloads of impatient, terror-stricken voyagers were landed on the shelving rocks, which, however, seemed a veritable haven of refuge. The passage to these rocks was perilous, but every one was safely transported. The stranded passengers and crew, however, underwent torments of hunger and thirst upon a barren ledge until rescued, seven days after the wreck, by the steamship "California," which carried them to Panama. The "Scott" was abandoned to the pitiless buffeting of the elements and ultimately went to pieces. Neither cargo, express matter (except the money), mail nor baggage was rescued. The destitute passengers made the best of their way across the isthmus and were taken to New York by the Pacific Mail steamer "Illinois," landing January 3, 1854. Mr. Holden returned to Chicago, reaching this city March 18, 1854, precisely four years (lacking one day) from the date of his departure.

The next important event in his life was his entry into the service of the land department of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, which occurred February 20, 1855.

Seven months later—on September 17, 1855—he was married to Miss Sarah J. Reynolds, daughter of Isaac N. and Rue Ann Reynolds, of New Lenox, Will County, Illinois. Mrs. Holden was the granddaughter of Abraham Holderman, of Holderman's Grove, Illinois, where he settled in 1830.

Mr. Holden has been a prominent figure in Illinois politics since 1858, when he went as a delegate from Chicago to Springfield to the Republican State Convention. The train that carried the delegation was decorated with a banner bearing the legend, "For United States Senator, Abraham Lincoln." It was after the adjourn-

ment of this convention that the great commoner uttered those memorable words:

"A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this Government cannot endure permanently, half slave, half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved. I do not expect the house to fall, but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other."

Mr. Holden was elected a member of the city council in April 1861, he representing the old "fifth ward," and continued a member of the municipal legislature until December, 1872. During his protracted term of service he had an eye single to the city's good. He worked as did few of his confreres, "public office" being, in his estimation, a "public trust." Measures of genuine improvement—not for his own ward, but looking to the benefit of all Chicago—found in him an ardent champion. The improvement of streets was one of his cherished hobbies, of which he never lost sight. In this connection due credit should be given to Mr. Holden's labors. The water supply received his thoughtful consideration, and it was largely through his efforts that the present system of abundant distribution throughout the city took its inception and received its impulsive force. While a member of the council he was constantly agitating this question. He was the advocate of pure water, and plenty of it, for every man, woman and child within the corporate limits. Indeed had it not been for him and others like him, Chicago would have been, to-day, as poorly supplied with water as some of her sister western cities. It was through his persistent labor that the city authorized the building of the second tunnel under the lake, with its extension, besides the construction of the waterway ending at Ashland Avenue and Twenty-second Street.

As to Mr. Holden's influence in this regard, see proceedings of the common council for 1869 and 1870, pp. 87, 91, 111, and page 690, Proceedings 1868-9.

During the dark hours of the nation's history, Mr. Holden was conspicuously loyal. His vote, his voice and his efforts were always in support of the Union. His vote as a municipal legislator



was always in behalf of aiding the National Government with men and money. In 1862 he raised a company for the Eighty-eighth regiment of Illinois Volunteers, his brother, Levi P., being elected its captain. In 1864, when a draft was ordered in case the quota of troops allotted to Chicago was not furnished through voluntary enlistment, he determined that there should be no draft in his ward—the Tenth. He organized a "Ward Draft Association" and was chosen its president. The members worked with a will, and the sum of \$51,912 was raised wherewith to pay bounties to volunteers, thus warding off what Mr. Holden was inclined to regard as a threatened disgrace. Mr. Holden furnished three representatives for his family for the army—Harris Durkee, for his wife; Frederick A. Hausmann, for his sister-in-law, Rowena P. Reynolds; and Alonzo C. Ide for himself.

His part in civic affairs has always been a prominent one. He was marshal of the city council on the occasion of the reception of the remains of President Lincoln on their way to their final resting place at Springfield, and chairman of the committee named to secure the attendance of General Grant at the great fair held at Dearborn Park, July, 1865. It was he who introduced the resolutions which were adopted by the council relative to Lincoln's funeral.\*

At the time of the great fire of 1871, he was president of the council, and rendered valuable service in bringing order out of chaos and securing succor for the destitute. A detailed account of his efficient work at that trying period may be found in Andreas' History of Chicago, Vol. II, pp. 761-772.† At the next municipal election both the great political parties—Republican and Democratic—placed Mr. Holden in nomination for the mayoralty, each also nominating a full ticket for the other city offices. But there was an element in the community which was of opinion that political considerations ought not to be regarded at such a time, and in consequence a complete "citizens'" ticket, known as the "fire-proof," was nominated, containing the names of

Joseph Medill for Mayor and David A. Gage for Treasurer. The "fire-proof" ticket was elected.

In 1872, Mr. Holden was an elector on the Greeley ticket, but, with his associates, went down in the political cyclone which swept the country in November of that year.

Previous to this—in March, 1869—Governor Palmer had appointed him a West Chicago Park Commissioner, and re-appointed him in 1871. He accepted the trust, and with his brother commissioners laid out the magnificent system of parks and boulevards which has so largely aided in building up the great West Side. He resigned from the board in 1878.

In 1873, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who for a lifetime had been his counsellor, his helpmeet, and the honored mistress of his happy home. She passed away July 26, after a lingering illness, and was laid to rest at Rosehill. It was a source of regret to both Mr. and Mrs. Holden that the latter's youngest sister, Rowena (who had been a member of the family since 1858), was not at home during this protracted sickness, she being absent on an extended tour through Europe and the Orient. An adopted daughter, Sarah J., remained to sustain him in his bereavement.

In February, 1873, Mr. Holden left the employ of the Illinois Central railway, after eighteen years' consecutive service, during which period he had aided in selling two million acres of the corporation's lands. He then took a prominent part in the construction of the Chicago & Illinois River Railroad, running from Joliet to Coal City, the charter and organization of which he virtually controlled; he disposed of his interest in this company, whose line ultimately became a part of the Chicago & Alton system.

In 1874, he was elected a County Commissioner, and July 4, 1877, as president of the board, laid the corner stone of the county court house. His investments in real estate proved fortunate, and he has erected several blocks, among them one at the corner of Monroe and Aberdeen Streets and another at Nos. 298 to 302 West Madison Street.

Mr. Holden's adopted daughter, Sarah J., was

\* See Council Proceedings for 1866, p. 8.

† See also Council Proceedings for 1871, pp. 846, 847.



married, February 17, 1885, to Mr. George M. Sayre. and now resides at Elmira, New York. They have two children, Charles Holden and Gracie. Some three years later, July 11, 1888, he was married for a second time, his bride being Miss Thelena N. McCoy, daughter of Henry M. and Mary (Lakin) McCoy. She was born at Port Perry, Canada, where she received her schooling and musical education. Her mother died in 1879, and she being the eldest daughter, much fell to her lot in caring for the family, which consisted of her father, two brothers and three sisters. She bravely assumed the responsibility. The children were educated, and while caring for her household she was pursuing her musical and other studies. The western fever having seized her father, he removed with his family to South Dakota, where, in the winter of 1888, they passed through the terrible blizzard that scourged the Dakotas, and where he is now living a quiet life with his second wife, in Mitchell, of that State.

Thelena, who had in previous years met Mr. Holden, was married to him July 11, 1888, and accompanied him to their cozy home in Chicago. Her brother Charles, with his wife and three children, lives in Rapid City, South Dakota. Her brother George and wife reside in Hart, Michigan. Her eldest sister, Addie, married Dr. J. H. Reed, of Lansing, Michigan. Her sister Nettie

married Dr. T. Allen, of Garnett, Kansas; and Emma, her baby sister, who was always Mrs. Holden's favorite and especial charge, was married to Mr. Lu Newman, of Chicago, in 1888. She died December 1, 1893. Mrs. Holden is of a very domestic nature, and strives to make their home pleasant. It is adorned with much of her own work, she being handy both with the brush and needle, as is clearly shown in their domestic home, which is on the great West Side in this city.

Mr. Holden's mother passed away September 23, 1869, and his father February 23, 1872. They died on the farm they had located in 1836. His sister Mary E. (Mrs. J. W. Freer) died November 28, 1845, and his sister Sarah Ann C. February 13, 1847.

In his social relations he is a member of several well-known organizations, among them the Illinois State Association of Veterans of the Mexican War, the Sons of the American Revolution, the California Pioneers' Association of Chicago, the Old Settlers' Society of Cook County and the German Old Settlers' Association. By the latter organization he was presented with a gold medal in 1888. At the age of sixty-seven, Mr. Holden still retains his mental and physical faculties unimpaired, hale and hearty in his declining years, one of the distinguished products of Chicago's cosmopolitan influence.

## WILLIAM B. PARSONS.

**W**ILLIAM BOSTWICK PARSONS, a former citizen of Chicago, now deceased, is well worthy of a place in the columns of this work, on account of his family connections, his precocity as a child, his ability as a student, and the part which he took in the legal profession and in business. He was born at Burlington, Vermont, on the last day of the year 1833, and was the son of Judge Sylvanus Parsons, a prominent citizen and scion of one of the old families of New England.

As a youth he was quiet and studious, much preferring the company of books to the society of other children, and so rapid was his progress in the acquisition of an education that he not only completed the primary studies incident to preparation for college, but mastered Latin and Greek, which he taught in Spalding's School at Barre, Vermont, at the age of thirteen years. Entering Dartmouth College when a mere lad, he made a brilliant record as a student in that institution, and graduated third in his class, the most of

whose members were several years older than he. His subsequent career showed that the teachings of this old and honored institution—the *alma mater* of Daniel Webster and a host of other eminent statesmen, lawyers, orators and men of other professions—were not lost upon him.

At the completion of his college course, stirred by the same spirit which has caused the migration from New England of thousands of her worthy sons, who have contributed in a great measure to people the West, build up our interests and shape the destiny of the Nation, and full of love for the free institutions for which his ancestors had periled their lives in the great struggle for freedom, he decided to cast his lot with the liberty-loving people of Kansas, who were then in the throes of that mighty moral struggle which preceded the War of the Rebellion. Settling in Coffee County, the young lawyer engaged in the practice of his profession and soon rose to a prominent place at the bar, and was honored by being elected County Attorney. The outbreak of the Civil War interfered with the practice of the law and stirred his patriotism. He volunteered at an early date, as a private in a Kansas regiment, and served out the term of his enlistment, after

which he re-enlisted and was appointed to a place in the Paymaster's department, where he served until the close of the war. Returning to Kansas, he was again elected attorney of his county.

After spending several years in the profession and acquiring prominence as a lawyer, declining health compelled him to abandon the practice, and he sought a higher altitude and new employment in the mountain districts of Colorado, where he was engaged in mining enterprises until the year 1882. At the latter date he came to Chicago and retired from active life. He died here January 31, 1885.

On the 12th of November, 1861, William B. Parsons and Julia W. Kinzie were united in wedlock at Burlington, Kansas, the home of Robert A. Kinzie, the pioneer of Chicago, whose biography appears in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons were the parents of three children, namely: Robert Wilkins, now a resident of Chicago; William Guy, cashier of the United States Rubber Company, of New York; and Frank Kinzie Parsons, who is a stock-raiser in Montana. Mrs. Parsons survives her husband, and occupies a responsible position in the Chicago postoffice, which she has held for twenty years.

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## WILLARD SCOTT, SR.

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**W**ILLARD SCOTT, SR., deceased, who for many years was connected with the leading business interests of Naperville, and for half a century made his home in this section of the great commonwealth of Illinois, was a native of New York, born in Unadilla, Otsego County, April 20, 1808. His parents were Stephen J. and Hadassah (Trask) Scott. The father followed the sea in his early years and became the owner and master of a schooner, which bore his name and was engaged in the coast trade along the At-

lantic shore. In Connecticut he wedded Miss Trask, who was a relative of Gen. Israel Putnam, one of the heroes of Revolutionary fame. On leaving Hartford, Conn., they went to Unadilla, and the year 1816 witnessed their removal to Maryland, where they spent the next decade.

During this time our subject was acquiring an education in the common schools, and also took a short course in mathematics. It was his desire to become a sailor, but his mother urged him not to do this, for the life was too fraught with dan-



gers. In 1825 the family made a visit to New York, and then started for St. Joseph, Mich., going through Canada to Detroit, and thence by water. The goods were shipped by sailing-vessel to Detroit, and thence Willard took them to their destination. He went to Detroit with a man from Ohio, and the journey thither was a perilous one through the unbroken forest, there being no road except the Indian trails. They reached Detroit ten days before the arrival of their goods, during which time they lived on corn and potatoes. The family were not pleased with their home in Michigan, and, crossing the Lake, located in Evanston.

On the 16th of July, 1829, Willard Scott wedded Caroline Hawley, in Holderman's Grove. In 1818, her father, Pierce Hawley, went from Vermont to Vincennes, Ind., and afterwards came to Illinois, locating in Holderman's Grove in 1825. In the fall of 1830, he and his family, accompanied by Mr. Scott and his family, located three miles south of Naperville, in what is now DuPage County, but was then a part of Cook County. Cook County at that time also comprised Lake, McHenry and Will Counties. There were thirty-two votes polled in Chicago that year, Mr. Scott's father depositing the first one. During the War of 1832, our subject proved a valued citizen in the settlement, on account of his knowledge of the Indians and their methods of warfare.

In 1838 Mr. Scott became a resident of Naperville,

built the Naperville Hotel, and conducted it for eighteen years, after which he carried on merchandising for twenty years, most of the time being associated with his son Thaddeus. The firm of Willard Scott & Co. controlled the leading business in this place, and operations are still carried on under that name, Willard Scott, Jr., succeeding his father and brother Thaddeus in the business. Retiring from merchandising after the Civil War, Mr. Scott was President of the DuPage County Bank, subsequently of the Bank of Naperville, and was a private banker until his death, September 13, 1892. He possessed business ability of a high order, was sagacious and far-sighted, and his enterprise was tempered by a commendable conservatism. He won success, and his prosperity was the reward of his own labors.

In political belief our subject was a Democrat, and his first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson in 1828. He was a resident of Naperville for more than half a century, and was ever found in the front rank of those enterprises calculated to advance the best interests of the community. Throughout DuPage and Cook Counties he was widely known, and was held in the highest regard by young and old, rich and poor. The name of Willard Scott is inseparably connected with the history of this community, and the record of the county would be incomplete without his sketch.

## CHARLES J. MAGILL.

**C**HARLES JAMES MAGILL, whose name has for years been a synonym for unbiased integrity and honesty of purpose among the early residents of Chicago, was born at St. John's, Newfoundland, in November, 1818. His father,

William Magill, was a native of Middletown, Connecticut, born June 30, 1792. The Magill family is of Irish extraction, and was founded in Connecticut by two brothers, named Robert and William Magill, who came from Belfast and were



among the first settlers of the Connecticut Colony. The old family homestead, which has sheltered many successive generations, is still standing at Middletown.

While a young man, William Magill moved to Newfoundland. For many years he was in the service of the British Government, first as the Collector of the port of St. John's, and later as Governor of the provincial prison at that place. Retiring from public life, he removed to Charlottetown, in Prince Edward Island, where his death occurred on the fourteenth of August, 1878. He was a man of exemplary character and noteworthy ability, as is evidenced by his long continuance in public life. His wife, Ann Morris, who was a native of Dublin, Ireland, died at St. John's, Newfoundland, about the year 1850. Of their three children, Charles J. is the eldest. John was for many years a prominent citizen and public official of Chicago; and Sarah, Mrs. Henry L. Messier, now deceased, was well known to the early residents of Chicago.

William Magill was one of a family of six children, all of whom, with their posterity, have been conspicuous for longevity, intelligence and refinement. His sister, Mrs. Ann Campbell, who was at that time a widow, came to Chicago soon after 1850. For some years she taught a private school on the North Side, and many of her pupils are prominent in the business and social life of Chicago to-day. She was a lady of rare intelligence, tact and benevolence, and was regarded by her pupils as a model of wisdom and strength of character. Mrs. Juliette Kinzie, who was well known throughout America as the author of "Wau-bun," was a niece of William Magill.

At the age of eleven years Charles Magill left home and went to sea, and followed a marine life until the autumn of 1852. A portion of that period was spent in navigating the Great Lakes. In the year last named he located permanently in Chicago, though he had frequently visited this port previous to that date. He engaged in the forwarding and commission business, becoming the owner of vessel property, and simultaneously acting as agent of vessel-owners at other points on the lakes. Among other corporations which he

represented was the Ohio, Superior & Huron Railroad Company, which was operating a line of boats on the middle lakes. He dealt in salt and other merchandise, and was one of the first members of the Chicago Board of Trade, joining that body in 1853, and still retaining his membership, though he retired from active business operations in 1893.

While on a voyage to the Bermuda Islands, Mr. Magill, who was then a young man, formed the acquaintance of Miss Esther S. Chalker. This gifted lady became his wife, the marriage taking place at Guilford, Connecticut. The couple first located at Buffalo, but in July, 1854, removed to Chicago, where Mrs. Magill died in October, 1886. She was born at Hamilton, Bermuda, February 7, 1819. Her mother, whose maiden name was Stowe, was descended from one of the oldest families in that colony, her ancestors receiving a grant of land from the British crown upon locating there. The old Stowe residence, now the property of the Government, is still standing at Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Magill were the parents of eight children. Jacob C., the eldest, is a well-known business man of Chicago. Anna C., Mrs. Hugh Alexander, is a resident of Brooklyn, New York. William C. is also well known in Chicago. Edward S. is a commercial traveler residing in Wichita, Kansas. Mary E. is the wife of E. C. Ward, of Chicago, in which city Arthur W. also resides. Sarah L., now deceased, was the wife of C. S. Spencer, of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Charles A. is engaged in mercantile business at Kingman, Kansas.

Though he has a host of friends, Captain Magill has formed but few social connections. For many years he has held membership with the Church of the Epiphany, of which he is a Senior Warden. He has always enjoyed the confidence of his associates to a remarkable degree. As an illustration of this fact may be cited the case of one of his early friends in Chicago, who, upon his demise a few years since, made Mr. Magill the sole administrator of his large estate, providing in his will that if any of the heirs should question any act of the executor they should be disinher-

ited. After a long, eventful and useful life, Captain Magill is spending his declining years in well-

merited peace and tranquility, which it is the wish of his many friends may be long continued.

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## JOHN A. SWEET.

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JOHN ALLEN SWEET, a member of one of the leading mercantile firms of Chicago, was born March 20, 1846, at Farmington, Franklin County, Maine, and comes from the genuine Puritanic New England stock. His ancestors were of those long-lived, hardy, industrious, frugal, as well as moral people, who, notwithstanding all the hardships and privations consequent upon the early settlement of the country, did not forget to devote themselves to laying the foundation for, and the shaping and rounding out of a moral character as an example for their posterity.

His great-grandfather, whose name was Ebenezer Sweet, was born at Attleboro, Massachusetts, January 18, 1741. In 1782, he went to that portion of Maine which was then uninhabited except by Indians, save perhaps, half a dozen white families. He cleared off a little patch of timber land, as the beginning of the settlement afterwards known as Farmington, one of Nature's most beautiful spots to be found anywhere. Here he resided during his long life, and died November 4, 1838, at the age of ninety-seven years and ten months. He was a tanner by trade, and in the year 1785 built the first tannery in that township. He was a man of the strictest integrity, and lived an exemplary, moral life, industrious in his habits, and accumulated a pecuniary independence. He married Desire Daggett, who was also a native of Attleboro, Massachusetts, born September 17, 1745, and died at Farmington, Maine, October 4, 1839, at the age of ninety-

four years. They had five sons and two daughters. The third son, Ellis Sweet, who was born November 20, 1770, died May 7, 1848, at the age of seventy-eight years. He married Mary Fuller, who was born in 1775, and died January 2, 1854, at the age of seventy-nine years. He became the owner of his father's farm, in the year 1822. During the War of 1812, he entered the United States service, and was promoted to the rank of Colonel, commanding a regiment during that struggle. He and his wife became the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters. The eldest son, Loring Sweet, was born August 7, 1796, and died July 6, 1881, at the age of eighty-five years and eleven months. He was married, June 7, 1828, to Elizabeth Berry Allen, who was born in 1809, at Canton, Oxford County, Maine, and died in Farmington, March 28, 1875, at the age of sixty-six years. Her father was a Revolutionary soldier, and lived to the age of one hundred and three years. Five sons and three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Loring Sweet, the subject of this sketch being the fifth son and seventh child.

John Allen Sweet laid the foundation of his education in the public schools and academy of his native town, and at the age of twenty-one years graduated from the State University. It was his intention in early life to qualify himself for the practice of law. Coming West in 1868, at the age of twenty-two years, he studied law for about two years, and for several years following applied



himself at intervals to legal study, giving his attention chiefly to its bearing upon trade and commerce.

In 1872, Mr. Sweet became connected with the wholesale dry goods firm of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company, of Chicago, assuming charge of their collection and legal departments, and after six years' service, or in 1878, he was promoted to the exclusive charge of the credit, legal and collection departments of this firm, and has occupied that position up to the present time, having retained his present connection for nearly a fourth of a century, and in his particular line of business he has earned the reputation of being the most successful man in the trade, being admittedly without a peer as a credit manager.

In appreciation of his ability, integrity and long and faithful service, the firm rewarded him with a general partnership, to which he was admitted on the first of January, 1892. Mr. Sweet is thoroughly known among bankers and business men of Chicago, the seat of the keenest commercial competition, where only the fittest can survive, and enjoys a most enviable reputation as a manly, straightforward and safe business manager. In speaking of him, the *Inter Ocean* recently said: "In appearance, Mr. Sweet is tall and symmet-

rically proportioned. He is genial, affable and courteous, and has a faculty of making and retaining friends. He is a natural physiognomist, and has rarely been known to make a mistake in reading men's characters. It is to these qualities that his success in a most important department must be largely attributed. He is an indefatigable worker, and is as well known as a man of grand business capacities among the commercial circles of New York, as he is here in Chicago, where he has lived and labored."

Mr. Sweet is a member of the Chicago Athletic Club and prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Chicago Commandery and Oriental Consistory, having taken the thirty-second degree. On the 18th of June, 1878, he was married to Miss Mary Stevenson, daughter of John W. and Caroline C. Stevenson, of Sandusky, Ohio, where Mrs. Sweet was born, October 2, 1855. They have had two children: Fred Kent Sweet, born September 26, 1879, and died December 1 of the same year; and John Allen Sweet, Junior, who was born April 27, 1881. The family is in communion with St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, and holds a desirable position in social circles.

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## ELISHA W. CASE.

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**E**LISHA W. CASE. The New England Yankee never forgets the home of his childhood. Wherever he may wander, and in whatever situation he may be placed, visions of his native hills and dells are retained in his mind, and these scenes always recall many little accessories which contributed their share towards the

comfort and delight of the youthful mind or body. The typical New England homestead is no less famous for its Christian principles, and the sturdy characters which it has trained and sent forth to leave their impress upon every important institution of the great West, than for its culinary triumphs and the superior quality of the pastry



found upon its hospitable boards. And who knows to what extent the memory of the latter has served to keep alive the recollection of precepts and teachings which have helped to mould the characters of many of the best men and women of the present day?

Elisha W. Case, whose name is identified in the minds of hungry people with one of the most popular articles of daily consumption, was born in Norwich, Connecticut, in January, 1833. He is the youngest son and ninth in a family of ten children born to John Case and Diana Congdon. The Case family is one of the oldest in Connecticut. Their first American ancestor came, while a young man, from England, and was married in Connecticut, about 1657, to Sarah, daughter of William Spencer. Several successive generations of their posterity have lived in the same locality, and the name is still one of the most common ones to be found in that state.

John, father of Elisha W. Case, was a son of Samuel and Susannah Case. During his youth he became a sailor, and while on board a whaling vessel was taken prisoner by a British man-of-war, whose officers claimed him as a subject of the Crown, and he was pressed into the naval service. He made an ineffectual attempt to escape, for which he was severely flogged. He finally succeeded in eluding his captors, and returned to the United States in time to enlist in the War of 1812, and rendered valuable service at the battle of New London. After the war he learned the trade of a machinist and was employed for many years in the railroad shops at Norwich. With the exception of a few years spent in Washtenaw County, Michigan, this place continued to be his home until his death, which occurred in April, 1847, at the age of sixty-two years. His wife's death took place about eight years earlier.

At the age of fourteen years, his father having died, Elisha W. Case left home and went to New York City, where he learned his trade in the original Connecticut pie bakery. In 1854 he came to Chicago and, taking advantage of the widespread reputation which everywhere existed for New England cookery, he began the manufacture

of "Connecticut pies" on Milwaukee Avenue, near Halsted Street. This was the first exclusive pie bakery in the city. The people employed were all natives of the Nutmeg State, well versed in the culinary art, and the superior quality of their wares, which far surpassed anything previously offered in this market, created a demand for them which has been continuously increasing to the present time.

About 1859 the "Mechanical Bakery" began doing business on Clinton Street. Mr. Case became the foreman of the pie department of the concern, which filled large contracts for supplies for the Union army. In 1869 he severed his connection with this establishment and became a member of the firm of Case & Martin, which built a large bakery at the corner of Wood and Walnut Streets, where the business of exclusive pie-baking was resumed and has ever since been conducted. Upon the death of Mr. Martin in 1890, Mr. Case became the sole proprietor, and continued to conduct the enterprise until June 1, 1894, when the Case & Martin Company was incorporated.

The fame of their Connecticut pies is well known to everybody in Chicago and many adjacent cities and towns, and there are few people who cannot testify to their excellence as appeasers of appetite. Their goods, which are for the most part hand-made, are prepared from formulas used by the best Connecticut cooks, and such is the demand for this particular article of dessert that about one hundred people are employed in its production, and they turn out from ten thousand to eighteen thousand nine-inch pies per day.

Mr. Case is the inventor of the pie wagon which is now used by nearly all bakers and which he began to employ in 1872. He has contrived a number of articles and appliances which are useful in his business, and, though he has spent considerable time and money in experiments, has never patented any of his ideas, some of which have been adopted and patented by others.

June 1, 1851, Mr. Case was married to Eliza Jane Baldwin, daughter of William and Charlotte Baldwin, of Branford, Connecticut. Of

their five children, one died in infancy, and Everett passed away at the age of twenty-five years. The names of the survivors are John M., Elmer G. and Edna J., the latter the wife of P. M. Vermass, all of Chicago. The family is connected with the Western Avenue Baptist Church, in which society Mr. Case has been a Deacon for twenty-five years. He has voted for every presidential candidate nominated by the Republican party, and

though he refrains from political agitation he always endeavors to fulfill his duty as a citizen. In private and social circles as well as in business affairs, he has maintained a reputation for stability and integrity, which causes him to be among the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of this great city, the growth of which has been almost identical with that of his business.

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## CLIFFORD L. NICHOLS.

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CLIFFORD L. NICHOLS, of Blue Island, the efficient and well-known Superintendent of the Illinois Division of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, was born in Wyand, Ill., on the 30th of November, 1856, and is a son of David T. and Hulda G. (Barry) Nichols. The father came to this State in 1839, taking up his residence in the then town of Chicago, where he carried on a harness-shop for several years. In 1846 he removed to Kane County, Ill., where he was engaged in the same line of business for some time. In 1850 he crossed the plains to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific Slope, but returned to Illinois the following year, as he did not find that wealth was as easily obtained in the West as reports had indicated. In 1853 he removed to Wyand, Bureau County, where he opened a harness-shop, and in 1854 he became agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at that place, continuing with that company in the same capacity, with the exception of two years, up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 10th of December, 1893, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. He was born in Broadalbin, N. Y. His wife, who is a native of Madison, N. Y., still resides in Wyand.

The gentleman whose name heads this record attended the public schools until fourteen years of

age, when he began to learn the art of telegraphy in his father's office. In 1876, having mastered the business, he left Wyand and secured a position as operator, train dispatcher and ticket agent elsewhere. He was employed at various points on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad until 1880, when he entered the employ of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad as train dispatcher. From time to time he won promotion as the result of his faithful and meritorious service, until he had become Superintendent of the Eastern Division. Later he was made Superintendent of the Kansas City Division, and with the exception of a short period remained with that company until 1890, as Superintendent of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Road. He then became connected with the Chesapeake & Ohio, and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroads. In 1892 he engaged with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company as chief train dispatcher at Horton, Kan., and in August, 1893, he came to Blue Island as Superintendent of the Illinois Division of that road, which position he now fills.

Mr. Nichols was married in 1878 to Miss Mabel E. Frans, daughter of Harry B. Frans, of Galesburg, Ill., and a native of California. They now have four children, Earl, Jessie, Ethel and Allan.



## ALONZO HUNTINGTON.

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**A**LONZO HUNTINGTON, who was born at Shaftesbury, Vermont, September 1, 1805, and died in Chicago, November 17, 1881, was a Vermonter of good old stock. Capt. Amos Huntington, of the Revolutionary army, was his grandfather, and, like Samuel Huntington, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was a great-grandson of the first of the name in America. Samuel was also President of the Continental Congress, Chief Justice of Connecticut, Governor of Connecticut, and (1789) recipient of two electoral votes at the first Presidential election. Alonzo was also grand-nephew of Governor Galusha, of Vermont. His father owned and operated a marble quarry, in which business young Alonzo took his share of work and responsibility, even while laying the foundation of his education; his higher teaching being deferred to that of an elder brother, whom his service at home helped through Union College.

In spite of this sacrifice, he managed to secure a fair degree of good practical culture, and, so grounded, he studied law in Buffalo under the Hon. I. T. Hatch, and was there admitted to the Bar. He came to Chicago in 1835, became State's Attorney in 1837, and administered his office so well as to be re-elected in 1839, serving until 1841. His most noteworthy case in this connection was the prosecution of John Stone for the murder of Lucretia Thompson, which excited great interest, and elicited from the *American* remarks which the presiding judge (Pearson) thought demanded prosecution for contempt of court. A suit was accordingly instituted by the State's Attorney under the orders of the court. It had no result, except the usual one of calling down the united voice of the press on the head

of the prosecutor, who had simply done his official duty and obeyed orders.

His term of office ended, Mr. Huntington resumed practice, wherein (as in his official life) his qualities and attainments assured success. His manners were dignified, yet cordial; his standing as a man and citizen flawless; his relations in private and family life kind, generous and devoted. Many know that by his energy, ability, foresight and self-denial he gained a handsome fortune; few have any idea of the burden of duty he was taking so voluntarily on his strong shoulders. During much of his later life he was the stay and support of his father, mother, two brothers and a widowed sister, besides his own considerable family; the whole load sustained with an heroic cheerfulness that either felt no weariness, or concealed what it felt. Three generations carried wholly by one inflexible conscience and faithful heart!

Mrs. Huntington was also of distinguished descent, being granddaughter of Gideon Olin, one of the founders of Vermont and a member of Congress (1803-7); a niece of the late Abraham Olin, a member of the Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh United States Congresses, and Judge of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and a lineal descendant of the Quakeress, Mary Dyer, who suffered religious martyrdom on Boston Common in 1660. She was a sister of Dr. Charles V. Dyer, the celebrated wit and humorist of the early days of Chicago, whose engaging qualities she shared and transmitted to her children, of whom two survive their parents: Frances, Mrs. Benjamin M. Wilson, and Henry Alonzo, late Brevet Major in the United States army, a brave soldier in the Union War, and still distinguished in literary and social life.



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FRANK DIESEL.

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## FRANK DIESEL.

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**F**RANK DIESEL, president and treasurer of the Frank Diesel Can Company, is a fine type of the progressive and successful German-American citizens, among those who have contributed an important portion of Chicago's population. He was born April 9, 1838, in Rhenish Bavaria, being the second in a family of five children born to Michael and Theresa (Deris) Diesel. The parents were natives of Buechelberg, on the border of Alsace. They came to America in 1842 and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Michael Diesel was a poor man, and came to the United States in the hope of bettering his financial condition and to rear his family where they could have greater opportunities for advancement and broader fields of usefulness. On his arrival in Cincinnati his cash capital consisted of three five-franc pieces. He bought an axe and spent the first winter in chopping wood, after which he worked for a time in a packing house. Two years later he engaged in digging wells, and soon began taking contracts for this line of work on his own account, meeting with gratifying success. This avocation he industriously pursued until his death, in 1854. The following year his widow sold her effects and brought her family to Chicago, where she had relatives. The first two children, Frank and Peter, were born in Germany, and the latter died in Cincinnati about 1867. Charles, the third, was born upon the ocean and died at the age of ten years. Elizabeth and Mary, who were born in Cincinnati, are deceased. The mother survived her husband

many years, and died in Chicago, at the home of her son Frank, in April, 1895, in the eighty-second year of her age.

Frank Diesel, the only surviving member of the family, was instructed in the common branches of learning in St. John's Parish School at Cincinnati, in addition to which he attended night school one winter. At the age of twelve years he was bound out for a period of five years to learn the barber's trade, but he was not satisfied with the business, nor contented to remain away from home, and was soon released. He was then employed in a tin and hardware store for a year. At the age of fourteen years he began learning the tinsmith's trade, and by working in different places he followed the trade nearly three years in Cincinnati.

Soon after his arrival in Chicago he entered the employ of Michael Greenebaum, as a journeyman, and remained with him until 1860. He was then induced by a friend to go to Memphis, Tennessee, and remained in that city about six months. He was urged to enlist in the Confederate service after the Civil War began, but this was not to his liking. On the 26th of April, 1861, he took passage for Cincinnati on the last passenger steamer which came North before the realities of war were inaugurated. He arrived in Cincinnati on the first day of May, and spent a few days there in visiting his old home and renewing the acquaintances of his youthful days. He found that most of his old associates had joined the Union army, and he immediately came



to Chicago and again entered the employ of Mr. Greenebaum.

August 26, 1862, he enlisted for three years in the Union army, and became a member of Company K, Eighty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, entering at once upon active duty. On the last day of that year he was wounded at the battle of Stone River, near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and was sent to the hospital at Nashville, going from there to Louisville, and thence to Quincy, Illinois. He was discharged at the last-named point on account of disability, April 10, 1863. He now returned to Chicago, and was soon established with his old employer, with whom he continued until June 1, 1864. He then accepted a position with Cross & Dane, manufacturers of tinware, at No. 50 State Street, and for some time was employed in cutting out piece work for their men. He was promoted to foreman in the pressing and stamping department, and remained with this establishment during various changes of ownership. He became superintendent for the Dane, Westlake & Covert Company, under Mr. Westlake, who was general manager. After the great fire this concern was consolidated with Crerar & Adams, and Adams & Westlake Manufacturing Company was established, with whom Mr. Diesel continued to fill the position of superintendent until March, 1877.

About this time he formed a partnership with Conrad Folz, who was at that time county jailer, under the firm name of Diesel & Folz, and in a small way they began business at No. 425 Larabee Street. Most of their capital was borrowed, but they did a successful business, and this connection lasted six years, at the end of which time Mr. Diesel bought out his partner's interest and continued the business alone. In 1885 he bought two lots on North Halsted Street, on which he built a large factory, which he later enlarged to meet the growing demands of his trade. In 1887 he bought additional ground and erected his present commodious residence, at No. 701 North Halsted Street. Under Mr. Diesel's able management the business continued to grow, and assumed such proportions that the capacity of the plant had to be enlarged, and in order to enjoy

better shipping facilities, in 1894, at a cost of twenty-four thousand dollars, Mr. Diesel purchased lots on the corner of Stewart Avenue and Fortieth Street, on which he erected the present large factory, and it was occupied in October of that year. In the previous year the present corporation, known as the Frank Diesel Can Company, was formed, the stock being held by Mr. Diesel and his sons. They bought out the can department of the Chicago Stamping Company, which was added to their already large plant. This is the most important industry of its kind in the West, if not in the United States. In it is carried on the manufacture of fruit, meat and oyster cans, sheet-metal specialties and decorative ware. In connection is maintained a lithographing department. An average of five hundred people are employed, and the goods are marketed in various parts of the United States, the annual output amounting to nearly one million dollars.

Mr. Diesel is an earnest supporter of Republican principles in politics, but has no time for office seeking, and has declined the urgent request of friends to become a candidate for alderman in his ward. He is a member of American Post No. 708, Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1864 he was married to Miss Barbara Roos, a native of Rhenish Bavaria, and daughter of Louis Roos, who came to Chicago in 1851. His family includes five sons and two daughters, namely: Louis, Conrad, John A., Lambert, Rosa, Charles and Lena. Two daughters and one son besides these died in childhood. All are communicants of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Diesel is essentially a self-made man. Without wealth or influential friends to start him in life, by his own industry and the care of his earnings he was enabled to begin business in a small way. He did not relinquish his industry and thrift, but continued to give close attention to his business and was thus enabled to enlarge and extend it until it became one of the greatest industries of Chicago. To such men the city owes its commercial supremacy, and the example afforded by the story of his life is earnestly commended to the emulation of our youth.

## WILLIAM BRANDT.

WILLIAM BRANDT, who is among the most substantial and esteemed citizens of Chicago, is an immigrant from the Fatherland, from whence come so many of the most loyal citizens of America. He is one of the vast army who seek fortune and standing in bountiful America, where all men are free and equal, with the same chance of developing their tastes and abilities. Born April 13, 1843, William Brandt is a son of John and Christina (Rahm) Brandt, who resided in Elmenhorst, Holstein, Germany, at the time of his birth.

He was still a very young man when he arrived in New York, August 8, 1866, having sailed in an English vessel. He left Germany June 17, 1866, and spent two weeks in England, before embarking for America. Subsequent to his arrival in the United States he visited Philadelphia, later traveling to Pittsburgh, where he remained one year, working at his trade, that of cigar-maker. After spending three months in Baltimore he was a short time in Philadelphia, and during the subsequent time, until May 2, 1868, remained in New York. At the last-mentioned date he entered the employ of Robert H. Gardiner, at the corner of Sixteenth and State Streets, in Chicago. After one year he went to Aurora, where he stayed five months.

Until September, 1871, Mr. Brandt occupied himself with his trade and at that date opened a business of his own on Cottage Grove Avenue, near Twenty-seventh Street, with John Shettel

for a partner. After one month Mr. Brandt purchased his partner's interest, and continued the business alone three years at this location. He then removed north to a location near Twenty-sixth Street, remaining on Cottage Grove Avenue. In May, 1889, he removed to No. 309 Sixty-third Street. His factory is No. 92, and wherever Mr. Brandt was his business has been carried on under this factory number.

January 4, 1872, Mr. Brandt was married to Miss Emily Amelia Louisa, daughter of Ernst Franz Diedrich and Caroline Henrietta Wendt. Mrs. Brandt was born June 25, 1847, in the village of Fehrbellin, near Berlin, Germany. Her grandfather was Diedrich Wendt, a miller of Mecklenburg, Germany, and a well-known man and possessor of much property. Her maternal grandfather bore the name of Warbick, and married Henrietta Barsekow. Their children were: Caroline, Amalie, Matilda, Wilhelm and Henry. Mr. Warbick was an inn-keeper, butcher and stockdealer.

Mrs. Brandt's father died in 1868. He was born July 30, 1796, in Mecklenburg, and went to Prussia. He was a miller, conducting his own mill. Mrs. Wendt was born January 30, 1804, and died in 1866. She was born in Fehrbellin, and her children are accounted for as follows: Ernst died at the age of thirty years; Wilhelm died in Texas; Caroline came to America in 1892, and died here in 1894; Henry has resided at the corner of Polk and Jefferson Streets, Chicago, for



the past forty-five years; Otto is living in the old country; Paulina died when two years of age; Herman resides in Chicago, at No. 1940 Fullerton Avenue; Rudolph inherited his father's residence, and died in 1894; Anna still resides in her native land; Amelia and Matilda died when young; Mrs. Brandt is the youngest of her father's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandt are an admirable and harmonious couple, each being a helpmate to the other. Mr. Brandt has very domestic tastes, appreciating Mrs. Brandt's efforts to make the home as pleasant and enjoyable as it is in her power to do. All who visit them say her efforts are rewarded, and that the home circle is everything that could be desired by the most fastidious.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandt have been blessed with a family of children that have proved a credit to

them and their rearing. William Rudolph, the eldest, was born October 24, 1872, and married Jennie Fritschel, November 28, 1896. Martha Emily was born September 3, 1874; Robert was born August 5, 1876; Edward Alfred, August 4, 1878; Henry Arthur, August 2, 1880, and Clara Louise, May 6, 1882.

Being naturally of an economical and thrifty nature, Mr. Brandt has been enabled to build a residence for his family at No. 6745 Lafayette Avenue. He has filled all chairs in Douglass Lodge No. 232, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is connected with Parkside Lodge No. 492, Knights of Pythias. He was reared a Protestant and remains true to the teachings of his fathers. Altogether a worthy and respected gentleman, he enjoys the confidence of all people of his acquaintance.

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## JACOB J. OVRESAT.

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JACOB JOHNSON OVRESAT, who is prominent in business and social circles in the northwestern part of Chicago, was born April 17, 1857, in Norway, where he received his education and spent his boyhood and youth. At the age of twenty he resolved to try his fortune on the western continent, where opportunities of advancement were more numerous, and accordingly emigrated to Crawford County, Wisconsin, where for about four years he engaged in farming.

In 1881 he concluded to remove to Chicago, where he was employed for one year in the freight depot of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. For the next seven months he worked at house moving for Harris, Abrahamsen & Company. By this time he had acquired considerable knowledge of the English language and of American business customs and secured a posi-

tion as conductor on the cars of the West Chicago Street Railway Company. In this work he became very efficient and was so well liked by both officers and patrons that he continued in the service for over ten and one-half years.

Having followed a temperate and economical mode of life he had during his long term of steady work acquired a sufficient sum of money to enter business for himself and resolved to apply his energy in a way that would bring greater remuneration to himself. After due consideration he opened an undertaking establishment at No. 1654 Milwaukee Avenue and also took up the study of embalming. In May, 1894, he received a certificate of graduation from Clark's School of Embalming. This venture proved a most fortunate one for Mr. Ovresat and he has continued at the same location ever since. The proprietor is favorably known in his line of busi-



ness and also conducts a livery which is a successful enterprise.

In 1886 Mr. Ovresat was united in marriage with Miss Marie Negaard, who is also a native of Norway. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, Magdalene, Carrie, Jennie, Jens and Jacob Raymond. The family is connected with St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which the father is one of the most valued and influential members.

The subject of this sketch possesses a genial, companionable nature and his society is enjoyed by a wide circle of friends. It is natural then that he should become connected with various fraternal orders. He is a member of Ben Hur Lodge No. 818, Ancient Free and Accepted Ma-

sons; is past commander of Godiva Lodge No. 512, Knights of Pythias; is Sir Knight Commander of Maplewood Tent 126, Knights of the Maccabees; and is a member of Maplewood Court No. 71, Independent Order of Foresters. He is past Drot in the Norwegian Order Knights of the White Cross and is connected with the following other Norwegian societies: Bjorgvin, the Norwegian Glee Club, the Kjeeralf Singing Society, and the Amphion Singing Society. He has taken a deep interest in the building up of his section of the city and is vice president of the Maplewood Loan, Building and Homestead Association. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party. He enjoys the distinction of being the only man of his name in Chicago.

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## CHARLES C. ARNHOLD.

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**C**HARLES CHRISTIAN ARNHOLD is not only a member of an old German family, but is a veteran of the Civil War. He was born November 6, 1845, in the village of Gross Bernden, province of Saxony, Germany, and is the eldest son of Henry Christian and Justina Arnhold, mention of whom is made in the biography of Christoph Beck, in this volume.

C. C. Arnhold came to America with his parents in 1853, and was educated, first in a German, and later in the public schools of the city. After leaving school he worked for a time at the butcher's trade in the employ of Christoph Beck and Nelson Morris. October 1, 1861, when a mere lad not yet sixteen years of age, he enlisted in the Union army for the term of three years or during the war. He was assigned to Company E, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh. At the last-named place he was wounded in the side, and was sent home for a short time. After

he recovered he re-enlisted and was attached to the Sixteenth Cavalry and served until the close of the war. He was honorably discharged from the cavalry June 5, 1865, and during all that time he was in active service, and was never in the hospital at any time.

After the war closed he returned to Chicago. He entered the employ of Stanley, Smale & Company, butchers, and remained with this concern one year, when he became one of the employes of J. V. Farwell & Company, his length of service with these two firms being four years in all. April 19, 1869, he entered the employ of the United States Express Company, as porter, and a year later was promoted to weigher, which position he filled seven years. He was then appointed a dispatcher and has continuously filled that position since, being a trusted and valued employe of the company, as his length of service would indicate.

He is a staunch supporter of the Republican

party and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1864. He has never aspired to any public official position, preferring to devote his attention to more substantial affairs. Mr. Arnhold is a member of the Expressmen's Mutual Benefit Association, in which he is well known and respected.

July 19, 1866, he married Miss Mary McCann, who bore him seven children, only four of whom are living, namely: Allie, wife of George Consor;

Augusta, now Mrs. Samuel Jones; Charles Christian and Edna. The mother died August 3, 1881.

June 5, 1882, Mr. Arnhold was united to Miss Helen Leist, a native of Chicago, and a daughter of John J. and Susan (Schoefer) Leist, who are natives of Germany and old settlers in Cook County. By this union Mr. Arnhold has three children, Mary, Rosa and George. The family circle is harmonious and its fireside is a peaceful and happy spot.

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## JOHN DAHM.

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**J**OHN DAHM. Among the chief characteristics of the German nation, is that of perseverance. The people of Germany are a sturdy, healthy folk, and have energy and strength of purpose possessed by few other nationalities. They are the ones who strive to reach the summit of wealth and position, and are successful where many others fail. John Dahm was born January 1, 1844, in Prussia, Germany, a son of Michael and Anna (Meyer) Dahm. He has been the trusted and valued employe of the same concern for a period of more than thirty years, which fact proves that he is a true representative of his country.

His paternal grandfather was a tiller of the soil and, in this and also in the fact of his having four children, he resembled the maternal grandfather. Michael Dahm was born in 1799, and died in March, 1868. He was a tailor. His wife, born in 1805, died in 1884. Their children were: John and Baptiste, who reside in Chicago at the present time; Angeline, who is mentioned below; Henry, who died at the age of forty-one years; and five others who died when quite young.

Angeline came to America, being the first of her father's family to emigrate from her native

land, in 1862. She married John Hemmer and died in 1878, at the age of thirty-eight years. John, whose name heads this article, was the next to emigrate to America, arriving in Chicago April 26, 1868. He had learned his trade in his native land, starting at it when fifteen years of age and practicing it for a time before emigrating. He has been a finisher of iron since that time, and has become skillful and proficient in his line. Shortly after coming to America he entered the employ of Schillo & Cossman, in their foundry, at the corner of Polk and Canal Streets.

Nothing is more conducive to the success and well-being of a man than a helpful, congenial life companion, such as Mrs. Dahm has proved. John Dahm was married January 13, 1872, to Miss Marion Wolf, daughter of Theodore and Eva (Gillen) Wolf. She was born October 26, 1848, in Prussia, and came to America in 1870, with her brother, Michael Wolf. The latter married Johanna Becker, and followed the occupation of brewer. He died when forty years of age.

Theodore Wolf is still living, in the land of his birth, and owns and conducts a farm. He was born in 1820. His wife, who was born in November, 1822, died in 1887. Her children



were as follows: Michael, of whom mention is made above; Marion, wife of John Dahm; Peter, who came to America and died here one year later; Matthew, who came to America and remained but four years; Margaret; Elizabeth, who spent two years in America; John and Nicholas. Mrs. Dahm's paternal grandfather died very young and left no record of his ancestry. Her maternal grandfather, Michael Gillen, had the following children: Clemens, Elizabeth, Theodore, Margarete, Katharine, Marion, Nicholas, Eva and Michael.

John Dahm and his wife became the parents of eight children, of whom brief mention is here made: Angeline Clare, born March 14, 1873, married Benjamin Voorhees, September 28, 1895, and resides at No. 408 Mecca Flats, corner Thirty-fourth and State Streets. Mr. Voorhees is a

bookkeeper. His one child, Estella Irene, was born September 14, 1896. The other children of John Dahm are: Matthew John, born September 19, 1874; Eva Marie Agnes, April 10, 1876; Marie Alouise, March 4, 1878; Rosa Elnore, January 29, 1881; Clara Theresa Dorothy, December 19, 1883; Lena Lulu, born February 20, 1885, died January 16 of the next year; John Nicholas George, born on the 12th of February, 1887.

Mr. Dahm is a staunch and faithful member of St. Martin's German Catholic Church, to which he lends his aid at all times. He votes in favor of the Republican party. He has a large and interesting family, all of whom do credit to their rearing and name. His home is pleasantly located at No. 5552 Dearborn Street, near Garfield Boulevard.

## WILLIAM BARTELT.

**W**ILLIAM BARTELT, a retired business man, is a prominent representative of the German-American element which has contributed so much toward the upbuilding of Chicago. He was born in Prussia, November 15, 1843, son of John and Charlotte Bartelt. Of this family three sons came to America.

William Bartelt was educated in the schools of his native village, after which he learned the brewer's art. At the age of twenty years he entered the standing army of Germany, and served four years. In 1867 he came to America, accompanied by his wife and daughter, and located in Chicago. He at once interested himself in machinery and entered the machine shop of the Vulcan Iron Works, conducted by Atkinson & Burgess, and learned the trade of machinist. He remained in their employ nine years and became proficient in the line he had chosen.

Mr. Bartelt subsequently started a boarding house and general catering establishment at No. 54 West Kinzie Street, later moving to No. 63 same street. In 1884 he removed to No. 768 Diana Avenue, now called Artesian Avenue, and established a grocery business, with a saloon in connection. He carried on a successful trade until 1894, when he retired from the cares of an active business life.

Since the time he became a citizen of the United States Mr. Bartelt has taken an active interest in the political affairs of his adopted country and has ever acted independently, supporting the man he thought best fitted to fill an office. He never sought public position for himself, but served as judge of election for a period of two years.

He was for some time a member of Court Aurora No. 58, Independent Order of Foresters, and



was treasurer of the lodge while a member of it. He was also for a time a member of the Independent Order of Red Men, and held the office of treasurer. He is a member of the German Orpheus Maennerchor, with which he has been connected nineteen years, and had charge of all the music of the order. Among other musical societies he is connected with the Schiller Liedertafel. He was one of the founders and stockholders of the Schiller Building, on Randolph Street.

Conducive to the happiness and general welfare of a man is a pleasant, helpful life companion, as Mrs. Bartelt has proven. She is a native of the same county as her husband, and was named Amelia Kluge. They were married March 30, 1867. Of their four living children, the eldest was born in Prussia, and the others in Chicago, namely: Augusta, now Mrs. Philip Roth; Matilda, wife of Herman Reische; Frank and Amelia. All are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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## JOHAN M. PETTERSEN.

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JOHAN MARTIN BERTEL MOERCH DE EICH PETTERSEN, a druggist at No. 439 West Fullerton Avenue, was born April 23, 1844, in the village of Saeby, peninsula of Jutland, Denmark. He received a good education in the public school of his native village. At the age of sixteen years he entered upon a five years' apprenticeship to learn the business of druggist. On the expiration of his term of service he received a diploma for the practice of pharmacy. He then went to Schleswig and filled a position as prescription clerk in a drug store two years. The two succeeding years he was employed in the same capacity at Frysenberg.

In 1869 Mr. Pettersen came to the United States, locating first at Jamestown, New York, where he was employed two years as clerk in a drug store. He then went to Foxburg, in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and followed his profession about nine months.

Mr. Pettersen arrived in Chicago in 1872, and was first employed in a drug store at the corner of Division Street and Milwaukee Avenue, and after a short time was in the service of Hunton & Hall, at their store at the corner of Leavitt and Lake Streets. From there he went to the

employ of N. Bruun, who was located at the corner of West Indiana Street (which street is now Grand Avenue at this point) and Center Avenue. He was a clerk at this store seven years, proving himself a worthy and valued man of tact and perseverance.

In 1881 he decided to establish a business of his own and purchased a business at the corner of Cottage Grove Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street, which proved to be a poor location, and moved the store, in a short time, to Twenty-fifth Street and the same avenue. A few months later he removed to the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Carpenter Street. After one year of unsatisfactory trade he moved to No. 1702 Milwaukee Avenue, where he soon built up a profitable business.

In 1890 he purchased a business at the corner of Rockwell Street and West Fullerton Avenue, and conducted both stores eight years. In 1898, however, he disposed of the former and successfully continues the one where he resides. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Independent Order of Foresters, also being identified with the Knights and Ladies of Security. He was made a Mason in Jamestown, New York, but

has not affiliated with any lodge since he left that city. For thirty-eight consecutive years he has been a druggist, and has had a long and varied experience which is invaluable to him.

Mr. Pettersen was married in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1871, to Miss Augusta Gad, a native of Denmark. They became the parents of six children, three of whom died in childhood. Annie, the eldest now living, is the wife of L. J.

Lunoe, judge of the criminal court at Copenhagen. Ella, the next in order of birth, is at home, as is also Holger, who is attending school.

Mr. Pettersen has always taken a keen interest in the affairs of his adopted country and home city. He is a supporter of the Republican party, but has always refused to accept a nomination for office of any kind. He and his family are members of the Danish Lutheran Church.

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## ERIK PEDERSEN.

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**E**RIK PEDERSEN. The subject of this sketch is a native of the village of Hundtofte on the island of Fyen, Denmark, and is the youngest of the seven children of Peter Knudsen and Maria Christophersen, both natives of Fyen. Both parents spent their lives in Fyen, his father dying in 1861, and his mother in 1876.

Mr. Pedersen was reared and educated in his native village, where he remained until he was fourteen years of age, and was engaged in farming for a time; then, becoming desirous of following the sea, he shipped as a cabin boy, and for many years was employed on board a ship in various capacities. From his native land he sailed to Scotland and Prussia, then to Liverpool, and there shipped aboard a Dutch vessel and sailed to Riga, Russia. From there he went to Holland, then took a position on a South American vessel and went to New Orleans, landing in America for the first time in 1860. After a short visit in New Orleans he was employed on the American vessel "Scranton," on a trip to Liverpool. He then shipped on board a Swedish ship, which was bound for Shields, England; here he changed to the American ship "Globe," commanded by Captain Baker, and went to Rio Janeiro, Brazil. The ship being southern property, could not get a clearance, so the captain

represented that they were going to Cork, Ireland, for orders. Instead he went into St. Thomas, in the West Indies, to learn how the Rebellion was progressing. Then they found three Northern men of war, and the "Globe" was held there eleven months. Mr. Pedersen remained on board the "Globe" eight months and then got a berth on board a Danish vessel and went to San Domingo, from there to Hamburg, Germany, thence to his native village and found that his father had died. He then went to Hamburg and shipped in an American vessel bound for Shields, England. Later he embarked on a Prussian vessel, came to New York and cruised along the eastern coast, visiting Baltimore, Jacksonville and Galveston, and then went on a trip to Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

Returning to New York he shipped on a German vessel for France, touching at Marseilles. On going back to New York, they were detained in the harbor at Gibraltar by a head wind for about twenty-four hours. The captain did not know that the law required every ship that had been lying at anchor in the bay to hoist its flag while passing the Spanish fort. Neglecting to comply with this regulation, his ship was fired at from the forts and the twenty-four pound shot struck the railing, passing through the side of the ship,



broke the cook's leg, knocked off a leg of the stove and lodged in a sail locker. The Government sent a tug to take them back into the harbor at Gibraltar, where they had to report to the Consul how the trouble happened, after which they returned to New York. Mr. Pedersen then shipped on a Nova Scotian vessel, called "Lillian," and went to Buenos Ayres, Brazil, with lumber, and from there returned to Boston. After getting his pay he took passage on a steamboat to New York, where he made his home. He then went to Buffalo, New York, and continued his journey as far West as Omaha, intending to go into the mining regions of the Rocky Mountains. Instead he took a trip down the Mississippi River and spent the winter in New Orleans. While on the levee in that city looking for work, he heard a man ask a negro to go to work for him, and at once recognized the voice as that of a Mr. Bruen, who had been second mate of the ship "Globe." He made himself known, renewed the old acquaintance and friendship and got profitable employment with his old friend. In the spring of

1871 he came to Chicago, sailing on the lakes during the following summer. In the fall of 1871 he went to New York and made two trips to Santiago, and on his return visited his brother in Racine, Wisconsin.

In the spring of 1873 Mr. Pedersen came to Chicago and engaged in the sale of sewing machines. Five years later he started in that business for himself, and first located at No. 332 West Chicago Avenue, where he remained about four years; at the end of that time removing to his present place of business No. 278 West Chicago Avenue.

Mr. Pedersen was married in 1877 to Miss Ella Johnsen, a native of Norway, who came to Chicago in 1870. She died in 1879, leaving one child, Mary Pedersen, who is a most efficient assistant to her father in his business.

Mr. Pedersen is a valued member of the Danish Benevolent Society, and is independent in his political opinion. He is essentially one of the self-made men of Chicago, having established himself in business wholly by his own efforts.

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## FREDERICK VOLTZ.

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**F**REDERICK VOLTZ is a representative of the thrifty and successful German-American citizens who have done so much for the progression of the city of Chicago. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, near Franklin, Germany, April 17, 1831, a son of Ludwig and Elizabeth Voltz. Both parents died in Germany and of their children, who were five in number, three came to America. Frederick, of this article came first; Louis came in 1855, and lives in Northfield, Cook County; and Katharine, now Mrs. Louis Frederick, came in 1865, and lives in Chicago.

Frederick Voltz was well educated, first in the parish school, where he received his primary

education, and he then attended the technical school in Darmstadt and was graduated from that institution in 1849. He was reared to farm life, and after leaving school lived at home until 1851. In that year he went to London and attended the exhibition, and on September 12 sailed for New York, arriving in that city October 18.

Mr. Voltz went to New Jersey and worked on a farm until the following year, when he came west, his objective point being Milwaukee. On arrival in Chicago he found employment, and decided to remain. He was clerk in a hardware store one year. He then rented a dairy farm and engaged in the milk business until 1856. His



next venture was keeping a grocery store, at the corner of Wells and Ontario Streets, where he continued two years.

In 1857 he sold out and went to Europe and was married, returning to engage in the grocery business on Milwaukee Avenue, near North Avenue, where he purchased property. Later he bought property at No. 678 to 686 Milwaukee Avenue, and moved his buildings to this point and continued the same business. In 1868 he built a flour mill, which he conducted ten or fifteen years. He afterwards added a bakery and continued the same until 1890, when he turned the business over to his son and moved to Hancock County, Iowa, near Clear Lake, where he owns a fine farm of four hundred acres. He made this move to recuperate his failing health, and remained five years in Iowa. He then returned to Chicago, but spends a few of the sum-

mer months there each year. Mr. Voltz has been too busy with his business affairs to devote much time to politics, but has always kept himself well informed on public questions of the day. He cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont and has voted for every Republican presidential candidate since that time.

September 16, 1857, Mr. Voltz was married to Miss Barbara Frederick, of Germany. They had five children, three of whom are now living, namely: Frederick L.; Mina, who is in Germany; and Lydia, at home with her father. The mother died in 1895. Mr. Voltz is a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and is a man of exceptional natural ability. He has made the most of his opportunities, is well informed and has always used his influence in favor of the promotion of all measures he believes to be for the public welfare.

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## JULIUS ZISKA.

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**J**ULIUS ZISKA, who became a resident of Chicago in 1844, had opportunity to view the great metropolis of the West under many different phases of its history. He saw it destroyed by fire and built up out of a marsh. He saw great and immense buildings erected where once a man could not safely stand. It has grown from a village to be a city known all over the world with commercial value almost beyond reckoning.

Julius Ziska was born in Schleswig, Germany, on the line of Bohemia, December 6, 1826, and died at his home in Chicago February 15, 1899. He learned the butcher's trade and served in the standing army five years, having volunteered his services. In 1844 he emigrated to the United States and located in Chicago. For a few years he was occupied at his trade in the employ of

other people, but in 1849 he started a business for his own interest on the corner of what is now Center and Milwaukee Avenues, this being the first meat market on Milwaukee Avenue north of Sangamon Street.

Mr. Ziska continued doing a profitable and rising trade until the fire of 1871. He had purchased property at No. 613 Milwaukee Avenue and had built a large store which was accepted by him from the contractor the same day the fire started. He then rented his meat market and has since lived retired. He successfully invested in real estate and became wealthy. In 1876 he married Fredericka Rosenbaum, a native of Germany, who came to America the same year as her husband. Three children blessed this union, Julius; Augusta, wife of Edward Steinbrecher, a grocer of Chicago; and Ida, wife of William Haus-

sen. Mr. Ziska was a Republican and a prominent worker in the interests of his party. He was one of the charter members of Goethe Lodge No. 329, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a consistent and influential member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Julius, only son of Julius Ziska, senior, the man whose name heads this article, was born in Chicago, October 6, 1857, and was educated in the public schools of the city. He learned the trade with his father and continued at the same until 1893. He carried on a meat dealing busi-

ness nine years, but from 1893 until 1895 was not in business. Subsequent to this period of retirement he purchased a grocery stock, and has since been occupied with his present business.

Mr. Ziska, junior, never aspires to hold political office, but casts his vote in favor of the Republican party. He is connected with Wicker Park Lodge No. 281, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with the Royal League. In 1891 he married Miss Mollie Hora, a native of Austria and daughter of John Hora. Their children are: Ida, Julius and William.

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## ANDREW J. LARSON.

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ANDREW J. LARSON, who is well known among the Danish-American citizens of Chicago, was born in Mon, Denmark, November 4, 1852. He is the youngest of the three children of Lars Jensen and Gertrude Petersen, who were also natives of Denmark. The former was a farmer by occupation and died when the son was but eighteen months old. His widow is still living in her native land, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years.

Andrew J. Larson remained with his mother until he reached the age of fifteen years, attending the common school. Thus his mother did all in her power to give him a training which would assist him in the battle of life. But her means were limited and he was obliged to seek employment and earn his own living. He worked for a time as a farm hand, but soon decided to emigrate to America. He therefore separated himself from all relatives and friends and crossed the Atlantic to seek friends and fortune among strangers. He first traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, where his first employment was in sawing four cords of wood, which he did in payment for a week's

board. He next worked in a spoke factory in Indianapolis, remaining about six months. For the next two years he was in the employ of a railroad, first in grading and later as a section hand.

In 1872 Mr. Larson came to Chicago, which was then rising from the ashes of the great fire. Without waiting to choose his work he took the first opening offered and engaged with the force which was excavating for the artificial ponds in Douglas Park. With the few dollars he was able to save from his earnings he soon started as a junk dealer, and found the enterprise quite lucrative. Later he commenced on a small scale the business in which he is still engaged, confectionery and school supplies, and has found the work more to his liking. He has followed the habits of industry and frugality which were necessary in his early life and has been able to save a fair portion of his income. Besides enlarging and building up his business as the growth of his trade required, he has invested considerable in real estate. He has erected a fine two-story brick building, the lower portion of which is his



own home, the upper floor being rented. In considering the success which has crowned his efforts, Mr. Larson can point with pride to the fact that all his worldly wealth is the product of the labor of his own hands and mind.

The subject of this sketch was married in Chicago in 1882 to Miss Kersten Olson, who was born in Sweden, June 19, 1861. She came to Chicago in 1876 and has since resided in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have been the parents of four children, Clara and Lillie, who died at the ages of three years and two years, respectively, Gertrude aged twelve years, and

Arthur aged nine years. All were born in Chicago.

In spite of many business cares, Mr. Larson finds time for various social duties, and is known as a man of genial and pleasant disposition. He is a member of Norden Lodge No. 699, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled all the official chairs. He is also a member of the encampment branch of that order, and both he and his wife are connected with Chicago Lodge No. 130, Daughters of Rebekah. He is a firm Republican in political views and does all in his power to further the interests of the party.

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## FREDERICK FROSCH.

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**F**REDERICK FROSCH, one of the loyal German-born citizens of Chicago, was born September 24, 1842, in Bavaria, Germany. His parents were Adam and Margaret Frosch, and came from very old and respected German families.

Barbara, sister of the man whose name heads this article, came to the United States in 1849, and located in New York City. She married Robert Zabel and still resides in that city. Frederick Frosch and his sister Margaret landed in New York in 1860. He was a tailor by trade, and continued to follow this occupation after arriving in America.

In April, 1860, when the Civil War broke out, Mr. Frosch enlisted in Company D, Fifth New York State Militia. After three months' service, he returned to New York and resumed his labors until September, 1862, when he enlisted in the Twenty-second New York Infantry. He was enlisted for nine months, and participated in the first and second Fredericksburg battles, and that of Chancellorsville. At the end of nine months he returned again to New York, but in Septem-

ber, 1864, enlisted for one year in the Second New Jersey Cavalry. He was mustered out July 16, 1865. He was wounded in a skirmish at Huntsville, Alabama, and spent two weeks in the hospital.

Mr. Frosch made his home in Carlstadt, New Jersey, where his sisters resided, and was employed in New York City. When the war was over he was cutter for Peck, Randolph & Smith, who were located on Broadway. When he had been with this concern eighteen months, he changed to the interest of Metz, Nathan & Company, at the corner of Houston and Canal Streets, and continued there until he removed to Chicago.

He arrived in the last named city October 15, 1867, and opened a tailor shop at No. 71 Washington Street, employing as many as twelve men, at times. He had a fine trade and a growing business, when the fire of 1871 burned his store and made a total wreck of his finances. He lost about eighteen thousand dollars in money and much more in other sources.

He returned to New York and was again employed by Metz, Nathan & Company, until



March, 1874. He came to Chicago again, and was made head cutter for Leopold, Kuh & Company, at the corner of Wabash Avenue and Washington Street. He was subsequently in the same capacity with Kuh, Nathan & Fischer until September, 1874. He was appointed United States Gauger in the revenue office, which position he occupied until June, 1875. He returned to the service of Kuh, Nathan & Fischer, with whom he remained until November, 1876. From that time until November, 1879, he was employed by B. Kuppenheimer & Company, on Wabash Avenue, near Washington Street. He was head cutter for all firms he was with in Chicago. He was later four years with Barbee Brothers, and four years with Straus, Yondorf & Rose. Since November, 1894, he has been traveling salesman and collector for M. H. Wager & Company.

December 7, 1865, Mr. Frosch was married to Miss Eliza, daughter of William and Sophia (Altman) Hope. Mrs. Frosch was born in Hessen-Cassel, Germany. With her parents and three other children, she came to America in 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Frosch became the parents of ten children, brief mention of each of whom follows:

Frederick Anton, born December 30, 1866, married Anna Koch, and resides at No. 3130 Union Avenue. He is a tailor in the service of the International Tailoring Company. George William, the next, was born November 28, 1868,

and is not married. He is a salesman for Schimpferman & Company. Henry Frank, also residing with his parents, was born November 18, 1870. He is employed by the Edison Company. Wilhelmina, born August 18, 1872, died February 18, 1874. Amelia, born September 27, 1874, is at home, as are also the following: Clara Louisa, born October 14, 1876; Elizabeth, November 22, 1878, and Franklin Edward, March 29, 1886. William, the eighth, lived from October 17, 1880, to June, 1884, and Arthur, from November, 1882, to be six months of age.

Mr. Frosch is a Free Mason, raised in 1884, in Lessing Lodge. He is now connected with Englewood Lodge No. 670. He is connected with Germania Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias; has belonged to this order since 1869, and is Past Grand Chancellor. He is a member of Columbia Post No. 706, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Frosch is a strong sympathizer with and upholder of the Republican party. He was reared a Roman Catholic, but is not now connected with any church.

In 1888 Mr. Frosch erected a residence at No. 6516 Lafayette Avenue, and has since resided at this location. Though not a wealthy man, he has all that goes to make up a comfortable home, and is very domestic in his tastes. Mr. Frosch has mastered the English language perfectly, and is a fluent speaker of the same. He is an entertaining and interesting conversationalist, and has all the qualities of a true gentleman.

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## PETER O. LINDQUIST.

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**P**ETER OLOF LINDQUIST, a native of Sweden, and a true representative of a sturdy and hardy race, is a contractor and well-known citizen in the portion of Chicago where he resides. He was born April 12, 1840, and is a

son of John and Charlotta (Olstrom) Lindquist. His father died in 1858, at the age of seventy years. He was employed on a large estate in his native land. His wife survived him until 1876, being seventy-two years of age at the time of her

death. Her children are accounted for as follows: Christine, wife of Nels Watson, never emigrated from her native land. Caroline married Nels Anderson, a tiller of the soil, and still resides in Sweden. Peter Olof is the youngest of his father's children.

He is the only one of his family who left the native soil, and reached Chicago May 9, 1869, having traveled direct to that city. At the age of fourteen years he commenced a six-years' apprenticeship at the trade of decorator and frescoer. Before emigrating to America he spent some time in Berlin, Germany, after which he returned to Sweden, and later left for America.

Mr. Lindquist first found employment on Chicago Avenue, but in three months' time left for the South, traveling to Water Valley, Mississippi, and remained nine months. He spent three months in New York City and subsequently returned to Chicago. He was three years in the employ of Mr. Stubbings, located at the corner of Elizabeth and Randolph Streets,

later entering the employ of Sullivan Brothers, at No. 266 North Clark Street. Mr. Lindquist occupied himself the same length of time with this concern, and was foreman of the decorators in the establishment of Crossman & Lee, at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Van Buren Streets.

In March, 1885, Mr. Lindquist was enabled to erect a residence at No. 132 West Sixty-fifth Street, where he has since resided. He was married June 4, 1871, to Miss Bertha Christina Rector, daughter of Christian and Betty (Bargerson) Rector. Mrs. Lindquist was born December 8, 1847, in Gottenburg, Sweden, and came to America in 1870. Her children are: Henry Leonard, employed by the Standard Oil Company, and Alma Elvera, at home.

Mr. Lindquist is connected with the Knights of Honor, being identified with North Star Lodge No. 2293, and is a member of the Painters' Union. He is a Republican and does all in his power for the benefit of all candidates of the party, being in all very loyal.

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## SAMUEL CLAUSEN.

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**S**AMUEL CLAUSEN, who does a wholesale and retail dairy business in the northwestern part of Chicago, was born in Denmark September 13, 1869. His parents, Lawrence and Cecilia (Madsen) Clausen, were also natives of Denmark and emigrated in 1872 to Hartford, Connecticut. Five years later they removed to Chicago, where the father conducted a milk business many years, selling his business and property to the son whose name heads this article in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Clausen are now living in well-earned retirement in North Evanston.

Samuel Clausen was but two years old when he was carried by his parents across the Atlantic.

He first attended school in Hartford, and after the removal of the family to Chicago spent some years in the common schools of that city. His adventurous spirit then led him to the prairies of northwestern Iowa, where he assisted in herding cattle two years. He then returned to Chicago and during the next twelve months was employed by J. S. Ford, Johnson & Company, furniture dealers.

By this time his father had embarked in the dairy business and was able to give the son employment. When the latter had reached the age of twenty years he was admitted as a partner, and this arrangement continued until 1893. In



that year the son entered the same line of business on his own account, and three years later, as has been before stated, bought out his father's business, and also his real estate. Samuel Clausen is at present conducting a constantly increasing business, and not only supplies a large retail trade with milk and cream, but also sells at wholesale to other dealers. He has four wagons, one of which is used in handling the wholesale department of his business. Coming as he does from a country that is proud of its dairies, it is no wonder that he takes pride in procuring for his customers the purest and freshest of products; and in this he has been invariably successful, as

is shown by his growing patronage among the best people of his portion of the city.

In October, 1893, the subject of this sketch was married to Miss Alice Wallace, who was born in Pennsylvania and is a daughter of Robert and Isabel (Heatly) Wallace, both natives of Scotland. Mrs. Clausen came to Chicago in 1892. She and her husband are the parents of two sons, Lawrence N. and R. Wallace Clausen. Mr. Clausen is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the National Union. He was president of the Chicago Milk Dealers Association three years, and is still a member of that organization.

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## FREDERICK SCHULTZ.

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**F**REDERICK SCHULTZ, one of Cook County's self-made men, the well-known quarryman of Lyons, was born in Saltzwedel, Prussia, November 28, 1835, and is a son of August Schultz. He was left fatherless at the age of eleven years, to fight the battle of life without that guiding hand which is always the compass of a young man's character in later life. He was not daunted by the fact that he was thrown on his own resources, but began bravely and unflinchingly. He was first employed on a farm and later at any honest work that he could find. He was his mother's right hand helper until he reached his majority, when, in 1857, he came to America. He located in Lyons, Cook County, where he was employed in lime and stone quarries until 1861. June 24 of that year he enlisted in Company H, Fourth Illinois Cavalry, for three years. Owing to excessive losses in battle, and other causes, the regiment was reduced to three companies, and he was honorably discharged, July 5, 1862.

He returned to Lyons and resumed work in

the quarries. In 1870 he embarked in business for himself, having purchased his former employer's quarry, which he has since successfully operated. He has taken out millions of cords of stone for use in building, lime, macadamizing, and other purposes. In 1868 Mr. Schultz was married to Emelie, daughter of George Vorass, of Proviso Township. She became the mother of six children: Ida (now deceased), Edward H., George (deceased), Fred C. (who served in Company H, Second Illinois Regiment, during the war with Spain), Emil A. and William G.

Mr. Schultz and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church of Riverside. He has been a trustee of Lyons Village most of the time since 1888, and highway commissioner since 1890. Since the year 1891 he has acted in the capacity of school director. He is an advocate of the principles and interests of the Republican party and uses his influence in favor of the party at all opportunities. Mr. Schultz is a refined, social gentleman, with an education in the ways of the world and its people.



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*John G. Shortall*

## JOHN G. SHORTALL.

JOHN G. SHORTALL has been prominently connected with the history of Chicago for almost forty years. Especially has he been a leader in benevolent work and an influential patron of those arts which tend to elevate mankind. Literature has found in him a friend, and along these various lines the efforts of Mr. Shortall have greatly promoted the best interests of this western metropolis.

Mr. Shortall was born in Dublin, Ireland, September 20, 1838, and is a son of John and Charlotte (Towson) Shortall. When the son was between two and three years old, his parents emigrated with their family to America, joining an elder branch long settled in New York. The only brother of our subject, Pierce S. Shortall, served continuously throughout the entire War of the Rebellion, as a member of a regiment of New York volunteers, until killed at the battle of Averasboro, North Carolina, in April, 1865.

After the death of his parents the subject of this sketch was employed by the late Horace Greeley, and the two or three years, 1852, 1853 and 1854, passed in the editorial rooms of the New York *Tribune* proved to be a period of education that he feels he could in no way have dispensed with, for he was there brought in contact with the men who molded public opinion in those days, and the master minds of the age were often there present. In the summer of 1854, following the advice of Mr. Greeley, he came to the West, locating first in Galena, where he was engaged for a short time with the Illinois Central Railroad Company in the completion of the construction and survey work between Scales Mound and Galena. Going thence to Chicago,

in the late autumn of 1854, he was engaged for a few months upon the Chicago *Tribune*, and then withdrew to enter the office of J. Mason Parker, and incidentally the study of real-estate law and titles, which profession he has followed to the present time. At the time Mr. Shortall entered the office, Mr. Parker was engaged in the work of preparing the real-estate abstract books afterwards known as the Shortall & Hoard Abstracts, and which are now the property of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, of which Mr. Shortall is a Director. Upon the completion of the books in 1856, he leased them and began the business of making abstracts and examining titles of real estate, which was then assuming great importance. He was among the first to reduce the details of that business down to the perfect and simple system of to-day, so that security in transferring real estate could be guaranteed. In October, 1871, the Great Fire swept over the city, and the county records were entirely destroyed. The volume of the abstract business had largely increased. At that time there were three abstract firms in Chicago, each of which saved a large part of its valuable records. It was soon found that while the most valuable portion of the abstract records were saved, not one set was entirely complete; and as it seemed very probable that difficulties and involvements would in consequence arise, the three firms decided that the public interests would be best served by a consolidation of all the evidences of title extant. This was done. Moneyed men relied upon the accuracy of the books and the skill and integrity of the owners, and, thus confident, loaned the hundreds of millions of dollars necessary to the



rebuilding of the city. Mr. Shortall continued with his associates in the conduct of the business until 1873, when the property was leased to Messrs. Handy & Company, and Mr. Shortall retired from active participation in it, though still retaining his holdings and interest.

On the 5th of September, 1861, Mr. Shortall married Miss Mary Dunham Staples. They became the parents of one son, John L. Mrs. Shortall died in August, 1880. There are two grandchildren, Katherine and Helen.

Although he retired from private business, Mr. Shortall has been none the less active, for he has devoted his time and energies untiringly to matters pertaining to the welfare of the city, believing a man's duty to his fellow-citizens to be continuous. For twenty-five years he has been devoted to the welfare of his townsmen, doing all in his power to aid in the promotion of the city's welfare, and imbued with an exalted pride in its progress. He is a constant patron of the fine arts, and was one of the Directors of the old Philharmonic Society, and afterwards was President of the Beethoven Society, during almost its entire existence. He is also one of the honorary members of the Amateur Musical Club of this city. A writer of intelligence and force, he has made valuable contributions to papers and periodicals. His keen appreciation of the thoughts of master minds through all ages has led him to do much for literature. As a member of many organizations, he has sought through them to influence public opinion in high and honorable channels. In 1880 he was appointed by the School Board one of the appraisers of the school property, and in 1886 was appointed Appraiser of School Lands by Mayor Harrison. In the appraisal of 1880, the application of the rental value to materially aid in determining the value of realty was, it is believed, first introduced and applied as a system. It has since become almost universal. In 1883 Mr. Shortall was appointed a Director of the Chicago Public Library, served three terms as President, and conducted negotiations on behalf of the board which resulted in securing Dearborn Park as the site of the public library building and in the successful adjustment of all

opposing claims. Under his administration the plans of the superb new library building were selected under large competition, and the necessary appropriation of moneys made by the city. He was originally made a Director by Mayor Harrison and re-appointed by Mayors Harrison, Cregier and Washburn, successively, and still serves in that position. In politics he is independent. He has been connected with various reform movements in the city government, and the Municipal Reform Club, which did such valuable service, and the Citizens' Association attest in their records his service and labors.

Of the Masonic fraternity, Mr. Shortall is an old, though no longer an active, member. In religious belief he is an Episcopalian and formerly was a member of Trinity and Grace Episcopal Churches; but since the withdrawal of Professor Swing from the Presbyterian Church, and his organization of the "Central Church," he has been a regular attendant on its services.

Along few lines of work, however, has the name of Mr. Shortall become so widely known as through his connection with the Illinois Humane Society. In 1869, one of its original organizers, he became one of its Directors, and in May, 1877, was chosen President of that most commendable organization, to which position he has ever since been annually elected. He has earned the recognition and gratitude of the benevolent people of the city and State, for it is largely through his instrumentality, his business ability and legal acumen, as well as his industry and devotion, that the success of what is now one of the strongest forces of our social system was assured. Its beneficial results cannot be overestimated. It was through his efforts that the society joined the protection of children to its work. Mr. Shortall called the American and Canadian societies for the prevention of cruelty together in 1877, and the American Humane Association was thereupon organized in Cleveland, Ohio, in that year. In 1884 Mr. Shortall was elected its President, and again in 1892 and 1893. He is also an honorary member of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. During the World's Columbian Ex-

position, Mr. Shortall, as the Chairman of the Men's Committee on Moral and Social Reform of the Auxiliary Congresses, assisted in the noted work of that committee, and organized and conducted the Humane Congress in October, 1893, which was so successful. He also arranged the Humane exhibit of the American Humane Association in the Liberal Arts Building, for which it obtained a reward, medal and diploma. Of social organizations not above mentioned, Mr. Shortall is a member of the Chicago Club, the Chicago Literary Club and the Algonquin Club

of Boston. If asked what is the controlling element in the life of Mr. Shortall, his many friends would undoubtedly respond, "A sense of justice and kindness." A warm and sympathetic heart, which reaches out in charity and love to the worthy helpless, the suffering and the needy, has made his name synonymous with good works, yet it is but just to him to say that he does not seek the admiration of the public, and, were it possible to do so, his works would be concealed from all save himself.

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## JASPER A. MALTBY.

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GEN. JASPER ADALMORN MALTBY, one of the distinguished officers of the great Civil War, was born November 4, 1832, in Ashtabula, Ohio, and died December 12, 1867, in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The Maltby family comes from England. The great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch settled in Ohio, being one of three brothers who came from England, the others settling, respectively, in New York and Baltimore. The Ohio and New York brothers left many descendants. David Maltby, a grandson of one of these, was the father of Gen. Jasper A. Maltby.

David Maltby was an able attorney, and also a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and an ardent churchman. He was a man of considerable local prominence in Ohio. He finally removed with a younger son to Texas, and died in Corpus Christi, in that State, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, Lucy Marsh, was a daughter of Dr. Marsh, a prominent physician of Ohio. She died at Plymouth, in that State, and left three sons and two daughters, namely:

Jasper A., Elizabeth, Henry A., Matilda and William. The last-named died in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he had been a noted editor, and was at one time publisher for the Emperor Maximilian. He was the author of a sketch entitled "Poor Carlotta," which was published immediately after the death of the unfortunate Maximilian, and was received with much favor and widely copied. He was a Captain of Confederate artillery in the Civil War, and was captured during General Banks' expedition up the Red River. He was paroled, and a year later returned to Texas. His brother, Henry A., also a prominent newspaper man, now resides in Brownsville, that State. Elizabeth Maltby married Albert Barber, and is the mother of two sons, one of whom is a teacher in a college at Oberlin, Ohio. Matilda Maltby married Allen Barber, a brother of her sister's husband, and is now deceased, having left five children.

David Maltby and Sarepta Marsh, a sister of the wife of the former, were among the founders of Oberlin College, in which the latter taught many



years. Mrs. Lucy (Marsh) Maltby was also a teacher, as was her husband. She was a woman of rare character, and was highly revered by all who knew her, especially by her husband's family.

Jasper A. Maltby enlisted in the Mexican War at the age of sixteen years, and served gallantly, receiving a wound at the battle of Chapultepec. He came to Chicago in 1850, and a year later went to Galena, where he at once assumed prominence through his energy, ability and sterling character. Soon after taking up his residence there, he perfected the telescope sight for the rifle, which made his name famous. He was an extensive dealer there in sporting goods.

He was associated with Gen. John E. Smith, now a resident of Chicago, in raising the famous "Washburne Lead Mine Regiment" for the Union army, which became the Forty-fifth Illinois, and within a short time after the fall of Fort Sumter it was in the field. Mr. Smith was elected Colonel of the regiment, and Mr. Maltby Lieutenant-Colonel, on the organization at Camp Douglas, in Chicago. The first action was at Fort Henry. At Fort Donelson, Colonel Maltby received a bad wound, and was carried to the hospital in the same ambulance with General Logan, who was struck about the same time. Immediately after the battle of Pittsburg Landing, Colonel Maltby was able to rejoin his regiment, which, as a part of Logan's division, participated in the marches, engagements and siege which led to the fall of Vicksburg.

Col. John E. Smith having been promoted for gallant conduct in battle, he was succeeded by Lieutenant-Colonel Maltby, who led the charge at Fort Hill on the bloody 25th of June, 1863, receiving three wounds before gaining the coveted position. This was accomplished with great loss, and temporary breastworks were immediately thrown up to hold the ground. While Colonel Maltby was personally adjusting a heavy piece of timber for the protection of his sharpshooters, it was struck by a cannon ball. The shot passed close to his person, and the timber was shattered, hurling splinters in every direction. Three of these penetrated his body, making six wounds

which he suffered in that costly, but victorious, action. For his fearless and effective bravery, Generals Sherman and Logan sent a recommendation from the field that he be made a Brigadier-General, and President Lincoln forwarded his commission as such at once.

When the final entry was made into Vicksburg, the Forty-fifth Illinois led the way, with General Maltby's horse and trappings at its head. The General was also at the head of his regiment, but rode in an ambulance. The fight at Fort Hill was hand-to-hand, and the colors of the Forty-fifth were literally torn to tatters. General Maltby was mustered out January 16, 1866, and was soon thereafter made Military Mayor of Vicksburg. He never recovered from his wounds, and died from their effects December 12, 1867, while still administering the office of Mayor. He was also operating a plantation, and kept a commission store in Vicksburg. He was held in the highest regard by the people of the conquered city, and was the idol of the colored people.

General Maltby was married at Galena, March 25, 1852, to Miss Malvina A. James, who survives him, and now resides in Chicago. Besides his widow, he left a son, Henry Maltby, a journalist. Mrs. Maltby is a daughter of David James, a Sergeant under General Scott, who fought at Lundy's Lane in the War of 1812. Her mother, Catherine Jamieson, was the daughter of an Irishman who was a famous distiller. He owned the ground in Canada where Tecumseh was killed. David James was a native of North Carolina, and his wife of Canada.

Many of the most noted military men of the war testified to General Maltby's great courage and moral worth, and the following extract from the *Vicksburg Republican* shows the estimation in which he was held by his erstwhile enemies:

"With an unfeigned regret, we announce the death of Gen. J. A. Maltby, the recently appointed Mayor of this city. No northern man who has cast his fortunes with our people has commanded more respect from our citizens than General Maltby. As an officer of the United States army, he was humane to our people; as a citizen of Mississippi, he was kind in his social



life and impartial in his official action. We sincerely sympathize with his bereaved family, and we believe they have the sympathy of the entire community.

"He met us upon the field of battle in aid of a

cause which he felt sacred, but, like a true soldier, he recognized the valor and honor of his enemy, and, when Peace spread her white wings over the land, all animosity was sheathed with his sword. Peace to the gallant soldier."

## ALBERT B. CAPRON.

**C**OL. ALBERT BANFIELD CAPRON, a member of the Chicago Board of Trade and a brave soldier of the Civil War, was born at Laurel, Prince George's County, Maryland, June 12, 1844. His father was Gen. Horace Capron, who went to Maryland when a young man and erected the Laurel Cotton Mills, whose product, the famous Laurel Cotton, was shipped to all parts of the world. His mother was Louise Snowden daughter of General Snowden, whose grandfather received a patent from the king for twenty thousand acres. His estate joined that of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton. Louise Snowden was born July 3, 1811, and married Horace Capron June 5, 1834. She was a devout churchwoman, and built the Episcopal Church of Laurel, which she gave to the people. Her life was full of kind deeds. She died March 27, 1849, mourned by the entire community. She left five children. Adaline, Horace, junior, Albert Banfield, Elizabeth Snowden, and Osmond Tiffany (the eldest child, Nicholas Snowden, died in infancy). The plantation on which their childhood was passed was known as the "Model Farm of Maryland," it being a pet scheme of General Capron to see to what a state of perfection that soil could be brought.

The genealogy of the family points to Banfield Capron as the progenitor of those bearing the name in America. He was born in England, but was of French-Huguenot descent, and derived his Christian name from Lord Banfield of England. He came to America near the close of the seventeenth century and settled in Attleboro, Massachusetts, where he became the possessor of large estates. He was a man of marked ability,

both mental and physical, having great muscular development and wonderful powers of endurance. He lived to the age of ninety-two years, dying in 1752. He was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Callender, of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, daughter of a former neighbor in England. The second wife was Sarah Daggett. He was the father of twelve children. Jonathan, sixth child of Banfield Capron, married Rebecca Morse, and was the ancestor of the subject of this biography. His son, Jonathan, junior, married Alice Alden, a great-granddaughter of John Alden, of the Plymouth Colony. Elisha, another son of Jonathan Capron, married Abigail Makepeace, and they had nine children. The eldest son, Dr. Seth Capron, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Massachusetts, September 23, 1762, and married Eunice, daughter of Dr. Bezaleel Mann, of Attleboro, Massachusetts, a man of prominence as a physician and educator. Dr. Seth Capron served in the War of the Revolution. He enlisted March 31, 1781, and was first attached to General La Fayette's corps of light infantry. In 1782 he was transferred, and served until the close of the war as aide-de-camp on General Washington's staff. He was a personal friend of General Washington, and commanded the barge which conveyed him to Elizabethtown Point, after he had taken leave of his army at New York at the close of the war. Immediately on returning home Dr. Seth Capron began the study of medicine with Dr. Bezaleel Mann, an eminent physician of that period. In 1806 he settled in Whitesboro, Oneida County, New York, where he practiced his profession.

Doctor Capron was a man of great enterprise and industry, and was possessed of large resources and fertility of commercial ideas. His name is identified with the history of the manufactures of the State of New York. He was the originator of the enterprise which, in 1807, resulted in the establishment of the "Oneida Factory," the first cotton-mill erected in the State of New York, followed shortly by the "Capron Factory," of New Hartford. In 1809 he organized a company and established the "Oriskany Woolen Factory," the first woolen factory ever erected in the United States. Another enterprise of which he was the originator was the importation from Spain of the first Merino sheep ever introduced into Oneida County.

In 1825 he removed to Orange County, and with his son, Capt. Seth Capron, established the beautiful manufacturing town of Walden, on the Walkill, where he died September 8, 1835. Dr. Seth Capron had six children. Gen. Horace Capron, father of Albert B. Capron, was the fourth son. He was born August 31, 1804, in Attleboro, Massachusetts, and died at the National Capital on Washington's birthday, 1885. His death was caused by exposure at the dedication of the Washington Monument the day before, on which occasion he and the orator of the day, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, were among the few survivors of those who officiated at the laying of the corner-stone, forty years before, when he commanded the cavalry which took part in the ceremony.

General Capron was connected with the army many years before the outbreak of the Civil War. For seven years he was stationed in Texas, having charge of the Indians under the War Department. After the removal of these Government wards to the Indian Territory he came to his farm in Alden, McHenry County, Illinois, to which, a few years previously, he had moved his family and valuable stock from Maryland. He married Miss Margaret Baker, of New York City, and now settled down to the agricultural pursuits of which he was so fond. His beautiful farm of a thousand acres was conducted on principles so superior to anything then dreamed of in this part

of the country, that it soon became famous, and visitors wondered and admired. The latest inventions and improvements in machinery and farm implements were always at hand, and his noble herds were his pride. His home was beautiful in all its appointments and pervaded by an atmosphere of culture and refinement. His large library was ever at the disposal of his neighbors and friends.

General Capron was in every sense a progressive man, and was always foremost in advancing better methods. He was, at this time, much interested in the State Fairs, feeling that they should have the influence of the best agriculturists of the land. In 1858 he was appointed by the United States Government as General Superintendent of the United States Fair, which was held in Chicago in September of that year. The fair was at that time considered a great event, and to this day is spoken of as a notable success. He had on exhibition his famous herd of forty-two Devons and a large number of his blooded horses, many of which won first premiums. About this time he decided to make a change of home, and moved to another farm near Peoria, Illinois.

Soon the war broke out, and his two eldest sons quickly enlisted. Governor Yates requested General Capron to drill and prepare cavalry troops for the field, as that branch of the service was much needed. He therefore raised and drilled three cavalry regiments, and in 1862 went out himself in charge of the last one, the Fourteenth Illinois Cavalry. He was soon promoted to the command of a brigade.

After the war General Capron was appointed Commissioner of Agriculture by President Grant. At this time the department was located in dark, dingy quarters in the Interior Department. General Capron felt that it was a disgrace to the great interests it represented, and spared no efforts until he had secured appropriations for a building. He was given full charge of plans, and in due time the stately Agricultural Building, with its beautiful grounds, gave to the department a home befitting its dignity. In General Capron's correspondence is found a letter from Secretary and



Adjutant-General Dent, in which he says: "When Sheridan met his beaten, demoralized army near Winchester, Virginia, and turned it right about and on to victory, he did what you have done with the Agricultural Department of the United States."

In April, 1871, while still at the head of this department, he was waited upon by certain high officials of the Japanese Government, who presented to him their plans and wishes in regard to the development of the agricultural and mineral resources of the island of Yesso, a very important possession of Japan, and invited him to accept a position as Commissioner and Adviser under their Government. This he decided to do, and his resignation being accepted by the President, he sailed in September, 1871, for Japan, where he entered upon this great work with his usual energy and earnestness. The island of Yesso, about two-thirds the size of the State of Illinois, was turned over to him as the site of his experimental farms, mills and railroads. He developed the gold and coal mines, and did such remarkable work and showed such grand results, as to win the lasting gratitude of the Emperor and his people. When General Capron took leave of the Emperor at his castle in Tokio, Japan, in 1875, the Emperor made use of the following language in his parting address: "Indeed your services were valuable and deserve my highest appreciation, and it is hardly a matter of doubt that the future progress of the island, the fruit of your labor, will much advance the happiness of my whole empire."

A year after his return to this country the Hon. John A. Bingham, American Minister Plenipotentiary to Japan, in a letter to General Capron says: "Kuroda, Kido and others of the Ministers of State have spoken most kindly of you and said your name would live in the grateful remembrance of their people. Rely upon it, you may well commit your name to the present and future generations of Japan. Long after you shall have joined those who have gone before you, when Yesso shall be covered with cattle and sheep and fields of golden wheat and corn, and its mountains clothed to their summits with the

purple vine, will it be said of you, 'This was the work of General Capron.'"

On January 16, 1884, General Capron was informed by the Charge d' Affairs that His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, had been pleased to confer upon him the decoration of the Second Order of the Rising Sun. This was the first time the order had ever been conferred upon a foreigner. The lacquer box in which the decoration is enclosed is said to be eight hundred years old. By right of inheritance his son, Col. A. B. Capron, is now in possession of the decoration.

The latter, as purchasing agent of his father, shipped to Japan machinery, horses, cattle, sheep and seed-grains. He sent over a great variety of fruit trees, and the Japanese were trained in the art of pruning and grafting. The shipments included the best strains of Morgan, Hambletonian, and Kentucky thorough-bred horses and all the choicest varieties of domestic animals. Everything flourished even beyond the most sanguine expectations.

General Capron remained four and one-half years in Japan, and then took up his residence in Washington, where he enjoyed nearly ten years of peaceful retirement from the activities which had engaged him beyond the allotted years of man.

His son, Col. Albert B. Capron, has a military record both unique and brilliant. The firing of the first gun roused the patriotic blood of this boy in his quiet home on the Illinois farm, and quickly he responded to the first call of his country. He was soon after stationed at Benton Barracks, Missouri. His first taste of battle was when General Lyon ordered five hundred to cross over and seize the guns just unloaded on the opposite side and intended for the rebels at Camp Jackson, numbering three thousand infantry. It was a sharp contest, but the guns were secured and General Lyon's prompt and masterly action saved St. Louis to the Government.

Under Siegel's command he participated in the severe battle of Wilson Creek, August 8, 9 and 10, 1861, when they were under almost continuous fire during the three days.



The death of the brave General Lyon at the head of his command made a deep impression on this young soldier. At this time he was transferred to the Thirty-third Infantry, where for eighteen months he was Color-Bearer.

When, in 1862, his father went into the field, it was his wish to be transferred to his father's command. His older brother, Horace, was also transferred from the Eighth Illinois Cavalry. Soon, too, his youngest brother, Osmond, a mere lad, joined them, and now father and sons were together united in the one grand effort to protect their country's honor.

His brother, Capt. Horace Capron, was killed in an engagement with the Cherokee Indians at Cedar Cove, in North Carolina, February 2, 1864. He was a gallant soldier, and his untimely taking-off was a loss to the service and to his many friends. He was buried at Peoria, Illinois, and a monument was erected to his memory by his devoted company. While a Sergeant, he received a bronze medal for capturing a rebel flag, with this inscription:

THE CONGRESS

TO FIRST SERGEANT HORACE CAPRON, JR.,  
COMPANY G, EIGHTH ILLINOIS CAVALRY,  
FOR GALLANT CONDUCT AT CHICKAHOMINY  
AND ASHLAND, JUNE, 1862.

Albert B. Capron rode beside his brother in the last charge, and took command of the company at his death. One of the most thrilling of his army experiences was his night ride of one hundred miles through the enemy's line, bearing dispatches from General Burnside in Knoxville to General Wilcox at Cumberland Gap. It was a hazardous undertaking. Twenty brave men had already failed in the attempt. When he returned General Burnside, overcome with emotion, said, "You have won your spurs," and presented him with a pair of his own spurs. Colonel Capron still guards them sacredly. He was also one of the cavalry brigade, led by his father, which helped to capture Gen. John Morgan and his entire command, after a ride of nineteen hundred miles in thirty-one days. He participated in twenty-three general battles, beside a great many skirmishes

and sharp cavalry actions. Two horses were shot under him while in action. He and his command were under fire for one hundred days on the march to and siege of Atlanta, Georgia, at which place he was taken prisoner.

His last service of the war was under General Sheridan on the Texas frontier, where he was in expectation of proceeding to Mexico to help in relieving the people of that country of the pretended sovereignty of Maximilian. Happily, the Mexicans were able to drive out the invader, and the Monroe Doctrine continued to rule in the Americas. Colonel Capron was three times made a prisoner, and received three severe wounds in the service of his country.

He was brevetted Major at the close of the Civil War. A few years since he was appointed aide-de-camp on the staff of General Lawler, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, with the rank of Colonel.

Before his employment as purchasing agent for the Japanese Government, he was engaged in mercantile business at Kenosha, Wisconsin. He came to Chicago in 1872, and has since resided in this city, on the North Shore. For more than twenty years he has been a member of the Board of Trade, and carries on a general grain commission business. In business he pursues the same energetic and straightforward course which won him distinction in military circles, and he is held in the highest regard by his social and commercial associates.

Colonel Capron was married at Kenosha, Wisconsin, October 20, 1869, to Miss Amelia Doolittle, daughter of Alfred W. and Ann Urania (Hannahs) Doolittle, natives of Oneida County, New York.

Their union has been blessed with three children: Horace Mann, born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, August 27, 1872; Florence, born in Evanston, Illinois, November 18, 1873; Albert Snowden, born in Winnetka, Illinois, February 8, 1877. Their home is now in Winnetka, Illinois.

The head of the family has always been a loyal and earnest supporter of Republican principles, and he is now a member of the Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

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## HENRY WEBER.

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**H**ENRY WEBER, one of the most successful manufacturers of Chicago, a thoroughly self-made man, is among the large number of industrious and prosperous citizens given to Chicago by German ancestors. His birth took place in that unfortunate disputed territory which has alternately belonged to France and Germany—being now in possession of the latter country. September 15, 1822, when Mr. Weber was born in the village of Hochweiler, Canton Soultz, Elsass, the locality was in possession of the French, and he was, therefore, by birth a Frenchman, though his ancestors were among the most sturdy Germans. They had long resided in Alsace, and several members of the family were soldiers under the first Napoleon. Michael Weber, father of Henry, was a farmer of Hochweiler, where he reached the age of seventy-eight years. His second wife, mother of the subject of this sketch, Helena Langenbrunn (Studi) Weber, died at the age of sixty-seven years. Both she and her husband had reared good-sized families by former marriages.

Henry Weber received a scanty education under the French system. He was made of the ambitious stuff which peoples and develops nations, and he early resolved to join his fortunes with those of the free land across the seas, of which he had heard through a friend who had visited the United States. At the age of eighteen, he joined a party of five young men, including the one before referred to, who had been in America, and together they came to New York. They sailed from Havre, France, on an English sailing-vessel commanded by Captain Thompson, and after a voyage of thirty-three days they arrived in the harbor of New York, a very speedy voyage for

that day. On the way they maintained themselves, and took turn about in cooking.

In New York they separated, and Mr. Weber went to Lyons, New York, where he served a three-years apprenticeship at wagon-making, becoming a skillful workman, and able to compete with any man in his line of work. Having completed his term of indenture, Mr. Weber went to Detroit, Michigan, and found employment. But he did not long remain there. He determined to locate in the growing and enterprising town of Chicago, then beginning to attract notice through its favorable location and the enterprising character of its citizens. On the 26th of June, 1844, Mr. Weber arrived in Chicago, where he has ever since made his home, and in the development of whose commercial, social and moral interests he has borne no unimportant part.

Like another distinguished German citizen, who is now deceased (Andrew Ortmyer, whose biography appears in this volume), he at once found employment with the pioneer wagonmaker of Chicago, Mr. Joseph O. Humphrey. Here he continued one and one-half years, at the end of which period, being then twenty-three years of age, he engaged in business for himself, having as a partner Mr. Jacob Gauch. With a capital of \$250, they built a small shop on Randolph Street, near La Salle, and began working up a business, boarding themselves in the building in the mean time. Later, they boarded at the New York Hotel, an hostelry well known to the old residents of the city. In 1849 Mr. Gauch was seized with the gold fever and went to California. His partner, who was satisfied with the slow but certain gains of business in Chicago, purchased Mr. Gauch's interest, and continued

to manage the growing industry alone until 1883, when a company was incorporated to continue it, with his sons as partners. This is known as the Weber Wagon Company, and turns out annually twelve thousand wagons and four thousand bob sleds, and employs a large number of men. Mr. Weber was for many years a member of the old "Number Two" volunteer fire company, which did good service in the early days, when steam was unknown in Chicago as a power to be used in subduing fires.

In 1852 Mr. Weber was enabled to purchase land for the location of his works. At the northwest corner of Lake and Union Streets he secured ground, ninety by one hundred and forty feet in area, on which he built three frame buildings. These were all two stories in height, one being occupied as a dwelling and the others for a factory. He was among the first manufacturers on West Lake Street, and was uniformly successful, laying the foundation for a large business, which furnished a livelihood to many families. In the spring of 1871 he erected a fine four-story brick building on this site, which escaped the fury of the great fire in the autumn of the same year, and was at once occupied by profitable tenants.

In 1886 the factory was removed to Eighty-first and Wallace Streets, where superior railway facilities were secured, and here it is now conducted by Mr. Weber's sons, who have taken from his hands and mind much of the labor required in its management. The founder very appropriately occupies the position of President of the company, with W. H. Weber as Secretary and Treasurer, and George A. Weber as Superintendent. The product is shipped to nearly every State of the Union, and enjoys a reputation for reliability such as has always been attached to the name of its worthy maker from the beginning.

On the 10th of August, 1887, a fire destroyed nearly all the plant except the lumber-yard, but no time was lost in repining, and, with the insurance which careful foresight had previously provided as an assistance, its owners were enabled to start with an entirely new outfit of

machinery, and the business was soon a greater success than ever before. The plant is now one of the largest and most complete of its kind in the United States.

With the arrival of the year 1849, Mr. Weber felt that he was warranted in assuming the responsibility of a householder, and on the 4th of November in that year he married Miss Elizabeth Schoeneck, a German girl, who arrived in Chicago with her parents the same year as himself. She is a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Schoeneck, all natives of Mainz, Germany, who settled on a farm on the North Branch of the Chicago River, about fifteen miles from the city. Mrs. Weber was in every way fitted to be the wife of the sturdy young mechanic, and proved a worthy helpmeet to her enterprising husband. The little home on Fifth Avenue was kept scrupulously neat and tidy, and Mr. Weber's success is in part due to her good management and many good traits of character. Six children came to bless their home, namely: Elizabeth, now the wife of T. Wasserstrass; Louise, Mrs. Albert Kaempfer; William H. and George A., before mentioned; Mary M., who died at the age of twenty-nine years; and Emma, wife of Henry Rietz, all of Chicago.

The family is connected with the German Lutheran Church, and in political action its head is thoroughly independent, affiliating with the best elements in both parties in national and local affairs. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being one of the oldest living members of Germania Lodge No. 182, and is a charter member of Harmonia Lodge No. 221, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Weber has richly earned his success in life, and enjoys his well-earned competence in the comforts of home life and the society of his many friends. His example may afford a good lesson to the young man of to-day, who needs to be impressed with the value in business of industry and unswerving integrity.

In this connection, a brief mention of the present managers of the Weber Wagon Company is appropriate and desirable. To them is due, in a great measure, the marvelous growth and pros-



perity of the business. It requires more than ordinary talent to conduct successfully a business involving a capital of nearly half a million dollars, and yearly increasing in volume. All the details are carefully watched by the superintendent in the construction department, and by the business manager in the office. The continued substantial development of the concern in the face of the financial stringency of 1894 and 1895 is especially worthy of note, and the year 1895 is recorded as the most prosperous in its history.

The factory gives employment to a large number of men, many of whom have grown gray in the service of Mr. Weber and his sons, some of them having been in the continuous employ of Mr. Weber more than forty years. The high esteem in which the founder and present managers are held by their employes is a strong testimonial to their executive ability and upright character, and their course is worthy the emulation of every employer of labor. A personal interest is shown in every man on the pay roll and in those dependent upon him, and no man is ever discharged except for indolence or inefficiency. Consequently a strike, with its train of misfortune for all concerned, was never known in the establishment. The members of the company do not enter into any outside speculations, but confine themselves to their legitimate field of operations, which fact is entitled to credit for much of their prosperity.

George A. Weber, the superintendent of the works of the Weber Wagon Company, was born

in Chicago, and completed his education in the West Side High School of that city. He is gifted with a taste and talent for mechanics, and at the early age of sixteen years he entered the factory of his father to master its mechanical details. Here he made quite as rapid progress as he had previously shown in his studies, and he steadily rose to the position of superintendent, which he has filled since.

William Henry Weber, business manager of the Weber Wagon Company, was born April 21, 1855, in the city which now numbers him among its most substantial and respected citizens. He was educated in the Chicago West Side High School, and took a thorough course of business training in Bryant & Stratton's Business College. After one year's connection with the wholesale dry-goods firm of Stettauer & Weiman, in 1879, at the age of twenty-four years, he entered the service of his father, with whose business he has ever since been identified. With his natural aptitude, and as a result of his careful training, he readily fitted in with the office management of the concern, and soon came to be its responsible head. He attends strictly to business, his only recreation being an occasional hunting trip of a few days' duration, and to him is due much of the credit for the high commercial standing of the house. Being of a genial nature, he comes naturally to possess the respect and cordial goodwill of all with whom he comes in social or business relations.

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## WILLIAM W. FARWELL.

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**W**ILLIAM WASHINGTON FARWELL, who graced the Bench of Cook County for nine years, and was an honored member of the Chicago Bar forty years, was descended from good old English stock. His ancestors were among the early pioneers in the settlement and

civilization of the New World. Henry Farwell came from Somersetshire, England, and located in Connecticut with the founders of that colony, and bore his part in sweeping away the wilderness which then occupied all New England and in developing a Christian community. He had a



son and grandson named Isaac. Thomas, son of the last-named, was born in Mansfield, Connecticut, and practiced agriculture in that State. His son, John Farwell, also born in Mansfield, was the father of Judge William W. Farwell.

John Farwell was possessed of the same spirit which led the Pilgrim Fathers to seek a home under new conditions, in an untried world, and, moved by this pioneer instinct, he went to Morrisville, New York, in his young manhood and opened up a farm in that then new region. He was a highly respected citizen, and served as Postmaster at Morrisville for many years. His wife, Elmira Williams, was, like himself, a native of Mansfield, Connecticut, and was a daughter of Amariah Williams, supposed to have been of English lineage. The marriage of this couple took place in their native town, and they began housekeeping at the new home of Mr. Farwell in Morrisville. Their children, five in number, were named as follows: John William, Benjamin Franklin, William Washington, Thomas Lyle and Elmira Jane.

William W. Farwell, third child of his parents, was born in Morrisville, New York, January 5, 1817. His early life did not differ much from that of other farmers' sons in that day and region. He made the most, however, of his educational opportunities, passing through the primary schools and academy of his native town, and entered Hamilton College, at Clinton, New York, in 1833. Before attaining his majority, in 1837, he was graduated from that old and solid institution of learning with credit to himself and his *Alma Mater*.

He at once began the study of law in the office of Hon. Otis P. Granger, of Morrisville, whose daughter he subsequently married. He finished his legal studies at Buffalo, New York, and was admitted to practice by the Superior Court at Rochester, in that State, in 1841. After practicing law with success for seven years in his native village, he felt the promptings of the ancestral enterprise, and determined to cast in his lot with those fearless and energetic spirits who were just then developing the nucleus of the wonderful city on Lake Michigan, whose future

greatness was beyond the predictions of their wildest fancies. Arriving in Chicago in 1848, he set out the next year for California, and remained in that modern *El Dorado* one year, returning to the East by way of Panama and New York City.

At Morrisville, New York, on the 12th of February, 1851, Mr. Farwell led to the marriage altar Miss Mary Eliza Granger, who was born in Morrisville, November 8, 1829. Hon. Otis P. Granger, father of Mrs. Farwell, was a native of Suffield, Connecticut, his birth occurring February 21, 1796, and bore in his veins the blood of the early English settlers of that State. He was a graduate of Williams College, Class of 1816, and became a noted lawyer in central New York. He studied for his profession in the office of Talcott & Maynard, and later with John Bradish, of Utica, New York, and was admitted to the Bar July 21, 1821. He practiced his profession in Morrisville, New York, until 1827, when he was appointed Surrogate of Madison County, New York, and filled that position thirteen years. He passed away at Morrisville at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. His first ancestor in this country was Launcelot Granger, who was born in the West of England and was brought to America when fourteen years old. Mr. Granger's wife, Elvira Gates, was a native of Morrisville, daughter of Abiather and Lois (Holt) Gates, who were natives of Massachusetts. Mrs. Gates was a descendant of Nicholas Holt, who came from England to Connecticut in the early days of that colony.

Mrs. Farwell is the eldest of the four children of her parents. Only one beside herself, Mrs. Agnes Elvira Groves, is now living. She was educated at a female seminary at Utica, New York, and was fitted by birth and breeding to be the companion of her husband during his long and useful career in Chicago. She is a well-preserved lady, of much natural refinement, and her charitable and kindly character has made her dear to all who have been privileged to come within her influence. Two sons born to Judge and Mrs. Farwell, Granger and John Williams Farwell, are well-known brokers of Chicago. The elder, born

in Chicago, May 25, 1857, married Sarah C. Goodrich, daughter of James G. Goodrich, of Chicago, and has five children: Leslie, Ruth Goodrich, Olive, Sarah Granger and Helen. The younger son was born in Chicago, March 30, 1862, and is the stay and companion of his mother.

It was in 1854 that Mr. Farwell settled permanently in Chicago. He had been admitted to the Bar of Illinois in 1848, and he now devoted himself assiduously to the labors of his profession, rapidly winning for himself a reputation for soundness and ability. In the spring of 1855 the firm of Goodrich, Farwell & Scovell was formed, the senior member being Grant Goodrich, who was subsequently an honored occupant of the Bench in Chicago. A year later Mr. Scovell withdrew, and Mr. Sidney Smith joined the firm, which became Goodrich, Farwell & Smith.

Mr. Farwell was elected to the Circuit Bench in 1870, and was twice re-elected, serving in a

most impartial and efficient manner nine years. Upon his retirement from the Bench, he was engaged, in 1880, as Lecturer in the Union College of Law, which position he continuously filled until failing health compelled his resignation in 1893. His practical experience, his ripe scholarship and sound judgment made him especially useful in preparing young men for the practice of law, and his resignation was received with regret by faculty and students. He died April 30, 1894.

Judge Farwell was a faithful member of the Congregational Church, in which he appropriately and consistently filled the office of Deacon for some time. In every relation of life he was true, and the history of his life stands as an inspiration and encouragement to young men everywhere. Especially are his upright life and official course commended to the emulation of all who wish to win friends and enjoy the good opinion and blessing of their fellows.

## CHARLES G. AYARS.

CHARLES GERRY AYARS, a capable business man of Chicago, and at one time one of the most widely-known public officials of Cook County, was born at Newton, New Jersey, December 28, 1831. His parents were Rev. James Ayars and Harriet Amelia Reed, both natives of Bridgeton, New Jersey. The family is of Scotch, Welsh and German ancestry, and furnished some of the Colonial emigrants to the present United States. Noah Ayars, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, attained the age of ninety-three years, dying at Bridgeton, New Jersey, about 1858.

Rev. James Ayars was educated at Bridgeton, and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1827. He continued actively in

the work of that church for fifty years, holding pastorates in the principal towns of New Jersey. In 1856 he became Secretary of the American Sunday-school Union. He lived at Covington, Kentucky, three years, and at Evanston, Illinois, two years. Returning to New Jersey, he re-entered the regular ministry, and died at Summit, New Jersey, in 1880, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a man of great public spirit, and did much work in the temperance cause and in the management of municipal affairs in the towns where he was located.

Mrs. Harriet A. Ayars died at Trenton, New Jersey, in 1870, at the age of sixty-four years. She was a daughter of Dr. John Reed, who was born in New Jersey, where he practiced medi-



cine most of his life. He was also engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods at Deerfield, New Jersey. His father was a native of Ireland.

Rev. and Mrs. James Ayars had five sons. Enoch Reed, the eldest, was a dentist in New Jersey, and went to California in 1849. While there, he joined Walker's expedition to Nicaragua, was wounded at the battle of Rivos, and died in hospital. Charles G. Ayars is the second. James was for many years a prominent citizen of Cook County, and is now deceased. William Henry Ayars was a student of the Northwestern University of Evanston when the Civil War began, and enlisted and served eighteen months in the Union army. He became a Lieutenant in a colored regiment, and was killed at the battle of Petersburg, Virginia. Howard B., the youngest, died at the age of five years.

Charles G. Ayars, whose name heads this article, gained his primary education in the public schools of various points where his father was stationed in the ministry, and finished at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey. At the age of seventeen years he entered mercantile life, being employed as a clerk in stores at various places. He spent one year with a<sup>a</sup> wholesale paper house in New York City, and in 1857 went to Covington, Kentucky, where he entered the general western agency of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1859 he became a resident of Cook County, and engaged in farming at Evanston. Two years later he removed to the vicinity of what is now known as Forest Hill, at the crossing of the Wabash and Pan Handle Railroads, where he operated a large farm, producing annually large quantities of hay for the Chicago market. While residing here, he served six years as Clerk of Lake Township.

In 1867 he was appointed a Deputy Sheriff of Cook County, and removed to Chicago, where he filled this position under successive Sheriffs for eight years. His duties brought him in contact with people of all avocations, and he gained an acquaintance exceeded by few men. Probably, not a half-dozen persons know personally more people

in Cook County than were included in his list of friends. About this time there was much litigation over land titles. Many squatters had to be dispossessed, and Mr. Ayars' duties as Deputy Sheriff sometimes brought him exciting experiences. His impartiality, coupled with firmness, and his uniform kindness to the unfortunate inspired the public with confidence in him, and gained for him a host of true friends. In 1874 he was elected County Commissioner for the Evanston District, and at the expiration of his term he was re-elected, serving six years continuously, during which period the present court house was built.

In 1883 Mr. Ayars formed a connection with the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, as State Agent for Illinois, having general charge of all its business outside of Chicago, which relation still continues. In this connection he travels all over the State, giving careful and diligent attention to his duties, and, as a result, the volume of business transacted by the company in his jurisdiction has very largely increased.

Mr. Ayars was married, April 25, 1859, to Miss Margaret, daughter of William Fredenberg, of New York City, where her Knickerbocker ancestors located in the early Colonial period. Many of the name now reside there, and Mrs. Ayars is the first who left that city. For twenty-five years Mr. and Mrs. Ayars have been connected with the First Methodist Church of Evanston. The former is a member of Evans Lodge, Evanston Chapter and Commandery of the Masonic order, and of the Evanston Club and Evanston Boat Club, being among the organizers of the last-named organization.

Mr. Ayars was among the supporters of John C. Fremont for the United States Presidency in 1856, and since that time has consistently adhered to the Republican party from principle. His varied business experience has given him a wide knowledge of many subjects and made him a capable judge of human nature, enabling him to give to his business and social duties the benefit of a mind ripened by years of practical training.



## EDWARD S. LACEY.

**E**DWARD SAMUEL LACEY, President of the Bankers' National Bank of Chicago, enjoys a national reputation as an able financier, and has won his way to his present honored position in the business, social and political world through his pre-eminent perseverance, foresight and integrity. He was born in the town of Chili, Monroe County, New York, November 26, 1835, and is a son of Edward DeWitt and Martha C. (Pixley) Lacey.

Edward D. Lacey was born at Bennington, Vermont, and died at Charlotte, Michigan, November 6, 1862, aged nearly fifty-three years. He possessed in a notable degree those qualities of integrity, intelligence and tenacity of purpose for which the people of the Green Mountain State are notable. He removed, with his parents to Monroe County, New York, when but ten years of age, and was educated at Henrietta, in that State. He engaged in mercantile business at Chili, New York, and in 1842 removed to Michigan, locating the next year at Kalamo, Eaton County, then a comparative wilderness. He was a man of prominence in that locality, filling many positions of public trust and responsibility, and was a leading spirit in the development and improvement of that section of the State.

He was a son of Maj. Samuel Lacey and grandson of Ebenezer Lacey, natives of Woodbury, Connecticut. The latter served in the Connecticut Line through the Virginia and Pennsylvania campaigns of the Revolutionary War, under Generals Washington and La Fayette, becoming an Orderly-Sergeant in the latter's command. He was a son of Thaddeus Lacey, who moved to Connecticut from Boston, Massachusetts. The first ancestor in America came from

the vicinity of Belfast, Ireland, and located at Boston in 1704.

Samuel Lacey was born at Woodbury, Connecticut, and went with his parents—Ebenezer and Mary (Hurd) Lacey—to Vermont in 1784. He established the second cloth-dressing works in the State at Bennington, and in 1818 removed to Monroe County, New York, where he was a prosperous and influential citizen. During the War of 1812 he was Major of the First Regiment of Vermont Militia, which was called into service on the northern frontier. He assisted in the first organization of the Whig party at Syracuse, New York, in 1835, and was for many years one of its ablest supporters. He died at Marshall, Michigan, May 9, 1863, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. He married Ruth, eldest daughter of Anthony Sigourney, of Oxford, Massachusetts, a Revolutionary veteran, who took part in the disastrous campaign of 1776, on Long Island and about New York City, being twice wounded in battle during that service. He was the fourth in line of descent from Andrew Sigourney, a prominent Huguenot, who, with his wife, escaped from Rochelle, France, after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, and became one of the founders of Oxford, Massachusetts. Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, the famous writer and poet, married a descendant of the same family.

The subject of this biography was about seven years old when the family settled in Eaton County, Michigan, where he continued to reside until 1889. He was educated at the public schools and Olivet College. At the age of eighteen years he began his business career as clerk in a general store at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

In 1857 he returned to his home at Charlotte,

Michigan, and in 1862, in partnership with Hon. Joseph Musgrave, established a private bank, which became, in 1871, the First National Bank of Charlotte. He was the active manager of this institution from its organization, officiating as Director and Cashier, and upon the death of Mr. Musgrave became its President. He was distinguished for ability and thoroughness in his methods, and became identified with many important business interests. He was a Director, and for many years Treasurer, of the Grand River Valley Railroad Company, which he helped to organize.

Early in his career his fellow-citizens began to recognize his fitness for the discharge of public duties, and his opinion on financial questions has always been accorded great consideration. His first official position was that of Register of Deeds of Eaton County, which he held four years, beginning in 1860. In 1874 the Governor of Michigan appointed him a Trustee of the State Asylum for the Insane, and he continued to fill this position for six years. In 1876 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Cincinnati, and from 1882 to 1884 was Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of Michigan. He also served as the first Mayor of the city of Charlotte, and assisted in inaugurating its excellent system of public improvements. In 1880 he was elected to Congress from the Third Michigan District, and served two terms. He was nominated by acclamation and elected by a vote far ahead of his ticket in each instance. He declined to accept the candidacy for a third term, but in 1886 became a candidate for the United States Senate, in which he was unsuccessful, though he showed great strength and popularity.

In Congress he served on the Committees on Postoffices and Post Roads and Coinage, Weights and Measures. But he was distinguished chiefly through the ability displayed in the consideration of financial questions. In the Forty-eighth Congress he attracted wide attention by a masterly speech on the silver question. His address on the use of silver as money, delivered before the American Bankers' Association in Chicago in

1885, was received with marked attention and increased his popularity among financiers. His prominence in monetary circles caused him to be recommended by friends in Michigan, New York, Boston and Chicago for the position of Comptroller of the Currency, to which he was appointed in 1889.

This office, so far as regards national finance, is second only to that of Secretary of the Treasury. His administration, extending from 1889 to 1892, covered one of the most critical periods in the history of the national banking system. He pursued a vigorous and yet conservative policy, keeping in view the protection of depositors and creditors, and his conduct of the office was endorsed by the ablest financiers. His integrity and ability have always been recognized, and his national reputation caused his services to be sought by many of the leading financial institutions of the country. Believing in the resources and future of Chicago, he resigned in June, 1892, to accept the presidency of the Bankers' National Bank of that city.

On New Year's Day, 1861, Mr. Lacey married Miss Annette C. Musgrave, daughter of his business partner, Hon. Joseph Musgrave, of Charlotte, Michigan. Two daughters and a son, named, respectively, Jessie P., Edith M. and Edward Musgrave, complete the family. Since coming to Cook County, the family has resided at Evanston, where it is identified with the First Congregational Church. Mr. Lacey is a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Union League Club, Bankers' Club (of which he has been President), Bankers' Athletic Association, Evanston Club and Evanston Country Club. He has always been an enthusiastic Republican, and wields a strong influence in the party councils.

Personally, Mr. Lacey is a man of fine physique, ready discernment, and pleasing manners. All who have occasion to approach him in regard to social or business matters are certain of receiving courteous attention, notwithstanding the attention necessarily bestowed upon the financial and business matters of great magnitude entrusted to his management.

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**L**OUIS FREDERICK HAAS. The fascinations of the condition of the Government and the people in general of this United States appeal to the minds of many natives of foreign lands in such a way as to draw many of them to become inhabitants of our Land of the Free and adopt a place among the famous American free and equal associates. Of these many become successful in the marts of trade, through the advantages offered those loyal to our flag. Louis Frederick Haas figures among the men of the last fifty years who have emigrated from their native land and become followers of our fortunes.

He was born in Otweiler, Prussia, October 24, 1821, and came to America with his brother in 1837. He previously attended school in the land of his nativity and became confirmed in the church, whose creed had been followed and whose laws had been adhered to by his ancestors for many generations. His first work in America was on the old canal, but failing health forced him to abandon this occupation. When he had recovered somewhat his usual condition he learned the trade of a horse shoer with Frank Bush, and about the year 1842 opened a shop in his own interest on Randolph Street, near Wells Street. He conducted a business at this location forty years and was for some time personally known to every citizen in Chicago.

Mr. Haas was in no sense of the word a politician, being independent of party and voting at proper times for the man who in his estimation

was best fitted to fill the offices for the interest of the people at large. He was, however, interested in every enterprise tending to the uplifting of the minds of his fellow-men, and sanctioned all good and noble work. He was a prominent, influential citizen, and was honored and respected by all who knew him in business, and beloved by all friends and acquaintances, as well as his near relatives.

Mr. Haas was a member of the old volunteer fire department, belonged to the Fireman's Benefit Association, and was also connected with the Sharpshooters' Club. He was a very broad-minded and liberal man. Mr. Haas was one of the first directors of the Ulich Orphans' Asylum and for many years was treasurer of the institution, being at all times very much interested in it. He was one of the founders of the old St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, having helped to carry the boards on his back from the river to the side of the church, for the first structure, which was a frame building. He was prominently connected with the work of the church and contributed to its support very liberally, in a practical as well as spiritual manner.

In 1843 he married Miss Sarah Wolfe, who was also born in a foreign land, the place of her birth being near Strasburg, France. She came to Chicago in 1839. This couple became the parents of eleven children, six of whom are living at the present writing. Louis is a captain in the police department. Carrie married Charles

Leupold, of Chicago, and resides at No. 1295 North Halsted Street. Charles, Philip, Herman and William are the names of those living.

Louis F. Haas died July 23, 1888, mourned by many friends and leaving a vacancy in the family

circle which cannot be filled. Mrs. Haas is still living, surrounded by a host of true and worthy friends and residing near her children, who have turned out to be of great comfort to her, as well as a source of just pride.

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## CHARLES G. UBELLAR.

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**C**HARLES GEORGE UBELLAR. Among those who have adopted for their home this Land of the Free, but who have passed much of their lives on a foreign shore, none can relate a more startling and exciting history than Charles George Ubellar. He was born January 28, 1832, in Buda Pesth, Hungary, and is a son of Charles George and Mary Ubellar. He and one brother, Otto Ubellar, were the only children of his parents, and the latter remained in his native land.

The subject of this sketch spent two years in a military school, entering at the extremely youthful age of fourteen years. He subsequently joined the Hungarian militia, and during the Revolution, with eighteen hundred other cadets, served in the patriot army. Though entering as a cadet, he was made first lieutenant, and served under General Ben until the close of the war. He was a participator in thirty battles, and the only injuries received were two sabre wounds, on the face and in the left hand, and one hip wound made by a ball. He was in the service two years, his military term of service ending in September, 1849, and was never in the hospital.

When the Russians took up arms against the Hungarians, the patriots were forced to surrender and Mr. Ubellar was held prisoner in Buda Pesth and his treatment was most severe. He was thrown in a damp, dark dungeon, and fed once in twenty-four hours. After three months he became so thin that his bones stood out and he was so weak that he thought he was going to die.

The law of the land allows the prisoners to be returned to their people when it is found that they cannot live longer, and at his request he was carried to his father's house. Though his parents and relatives were pained very much at the stand he took in the Revolution he was taken into the home and given the greatest care. His father was one of the wealthiest men in Buda Pesth and a general in the regular army, and his brother was also loyal, and they could not sanction his previous course. He was carried to his palatial childhood home, under strict guard, the house being kept under guard while he was in it, though he had been pronounced beyond recovery. A few days in his father's house, under the tender care of his people, served to aid his recovery greatly.

A Hungarian warship was at anchor in the harbor and word was sent to the brother of Mr. Ubellar that if he could be gotten to the ship he would be carried out of the country. A half hour before the ship sailed he left his room by a back window, and though he had to make his way through one of the principal streets, he got on board safely. He went heavily armed, and as it was a terrible risk to take, he was very desperate and decided to kill any one who should intercept him. Of course the risk was worth taking, as he would undoubtedly have been taken again to languish in a dungeon. He was soon on Turkish soil and with twenty-five others joined Kossuth. They joined the Turkish army and



served one year in Asia Minor. They then made their way to France and thence to England on board a United States ship sent to bring them to America, and landed in New York in 1851.

This band had many hardships to go through in the strange land, whose language was unknown to them, but the people were kind to them, and they could not complain of their condition. Mr. Ubellar, with twelve other patriots, joined with General Lopus in a filibustering expedition to Cuba, but at Cape May they were overhauled by a revenue cutter and thrown into jail, remaining three weeks confined. Ten of them went to Charleston, South Carolina, expecting to get work, but were disappointed. They now made use of their education and opened a military riding school. After six months they returned to New York.

Mr. Ubellar obtained employment in Lovejoy's hotel, and after six months went to Worcester, Massachusetts, and took a course in a commercial college. He subsequently removed to Chicago, locating in this city in March, 1857, and

entered the service of C. M. Henderson & Company, as a traveling salesman, and made trips through Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. In 1870 he opened a commercial hotel in Kankakee, Illinois, which he conducted eight years. He then entered the real-estate business, with an office at the corner of Seventy-third Street and Cottage Grove Avenue. He is a man of great business ability, and is bound to make a success of whatever he takes up.

Mr. Ubellar was married in September, 1863, to Miss Mary Matilda McGrath, who comes of one of the oldest of the early families in Chicago. Their only child is Dr. James Lincoln Ubellar, whose biography appears in this work. Though never very active in political matters, Mr. Ubellar votes for the interests of the Republican party. He is a valued and highly respected member of the Presbyterian Church, and is never found wanting in interest in its affairs. He is a Mason, affiliating with Garden City Lodge No. 49, being also connected with Washington Chapter and Washington Council.

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## URBAN BALKE.

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**U**RBAN BALKE, now retired, was born May 29, 1826, in Brunswick, Germany, and is a son of Henry and Dora Balke, natives of that section, where both died. His father was a tiller of the soil, and Urban was reared on a farm and educated in the village school.

In 1848 he came to the United States, sailing from Bremen to New York, being seven weeks on the ocean. On his arrival here he worked for some time on a farm. He was fond of hunting and in the early days found plenty of sport with his gun, as game was abundant. After two years in America he returned to the Fatherland and remained one year, subsequently returning to this

country and locating in Chicago. With a friend he cut prairie hay for a while and then entered the service of John Kinzie and was employed by him one year. He then purchased a team and the necessary facilities and drove a grocery wagon for H. Beckwith, on South Water Street. He has always been employed by other people and for a number of years did the painting in Lincoln Park.

In the great fire of 1871 he was burned out, sustaining a heavy loss, after which he sold his real estate. In 1849 he married Amelia Noezlich and they became the parents of three sons and one daughter. The eldest, Oscar, is a barber on

Van Buren Street. Henry is a machinist. Emil is the next in order of birth, and Emma is the widow of Bernard Meisner, by whom she has a son, Robert. Mrs. Balke died in 1877.

Mr. Balke has always been a quiet, industrious citizen, generous to an extreme to those in need

of assistance. He votes for the interest of the Republican party and is connected with the German Lutheran Church. While he has not accumulated great wealth, he is conscious of having lived an honorable life and of making himself useful to many of his fellow-citizens.

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## JAMES PETTIGREW.

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JAMES PETTIGREW, who is president of the board of education and of the Enterprise Foundry, Harvey, Illinois, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, July 21, 1856. His boyhood was passed like that of him who made Ayrshire famous by his sweet song, receiving such education as the common schools of Scotland offered. He was for some years connected with the Government constabulary, his duties taking him into the same valleys and scenes as Burns' own official life as an exciseman. Starting in the lower grades of the service, he won promotion until he reached the seventh, or highest grade.

He, however, decided to cast his fortunes in the United States and in 1882 came to America, going direct to Grinnell, Iowa, where he learned the trade of a moulder, a work that he has followed to the present. In 1890 he came to Harvey, as a moulder in the employ of the Harvester King Company and, in 1894, in company with William and Henry Labhart and Daniel Bradley, started the Enterprise Foundry. The business was prosperous from the start, the output being all lines of gray castings, heavy work predominating. Employment is given to from twenty to thirty men and the present season the plant has work to its fullest capacity. This institution has taken a front rank among the manufacturers of Harvey, its proprietors all being men of sterling quality and all residents of the community.

Mr. Pettigrew is fully alive to the interests of

the village, paying special attention to educational matters. He has been repeatedly elected president of the board of education, a position that has required a high order of business ability, as well as mind in touch with school work, and is thoroughly imbued with the modern idea of universal education. Conservative in all matters relative to public expenditure, Harvey has been supplied with a fine class of school buildings, well equipped for high-grade work, and at moderate expense, without unusual tax burdens. The facilities for education of all its children are in keeping with the spirit of education manifest in the village, and the work done is second to none, being fully up to the standard of the city schools, which is considered a high one.

The excellent results attained were impossible except that the general desire for schools and ability and willingness to pay for them, were ably seconded by the administration of this high trust, being in the hands of competent men, whose enthusiasm is not disputed and whose ability and integrity are unquestioned. While due praise is bestowed upon all, it is not amiss to say that much credit is due Mr. Pettigrew, in that his constant and undiminished interest and enthusiasm have been guided by good common sense and great discretion. In this arduous administration his work has redounded to his own honor, as well as that of the village, and no criticisms are heard in connection with the policy of the board



of education; but on the other hand, the schools are the one thing in which the citizens take great pride, and they are ever ready to extol their excellence and hold them up as at least one great attraction to make Harvey a pleasant home.

Mr. Pettigrew is not a politician, although the Republican party claims his affiliation. He was married at Grinnell, Iowa, in 1883, to Miss Eliza-

beth Swanson, who was born in Caithness, Scotland. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew consists of John, James, Alfred, Ethel and Vera Fern. Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew are communicants of the Baptist Church, of which Mr. Pettigrew is trustee. He has taken an active part in the Harvey Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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## JOHN W. JENNINGS.

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JOHN WILLIAM JENNINGS, who stands among the foremost and enterprising citizens of Chicago, was for many years a traveling salesman, but has located permanently, without doubt, in the city, occupying the position of manager of the warehouse of a local firm. He has dealt some in real estate, and is well known in the neighborhood where he resides, as well as wherever his dealings spread, as an honorable and upright man, and is therefore respected by all. He was born on the 14th of October, 1859, on St. Paul Street, Quebec, Canada, and is a son of Patrick and Bridget (Walsh) Jennings.

J. W. Jennings was educated in the public schools of Quebec and attended St. Ann's College four years, leaving there when sixteen years of age. He received the rudiments of his education in school, but experience has done much toward making him fitted for the battles of life and he has seen, like many others, that it is not the easy going school of books, but the school of the world at large that makes men. In the fall of the year 1871 Mr. Jennings came to Chicago and entered a grocery store. He was there until 1875, when he was employed by John J. McGrath, in the wholesale department of a wall paper store. He entered as packer, but was made shipping clerk later, and was then placed

on the road as traveling salesman. He remained in this capacity six years, his territory being Illinois. The business was burned out in 1886, and Mr. Jennings was employed for one year by Longer & Warner, in the same capacity as before, his territory now being Iowa and Missouri. For ten years he has been in the service of Janeway & Carpenter, having traveled for this firm four years in Illinois, and now occupying the position of manager of the warehouse. Mr. Jennings has been very successful financially, and erected a residence at No. 6752 Indiana Avenue, in 1890, where he has since resided with his family. He was married August 31, 1880, to Miss Margaret Ellen, daughter of James and Margaret (Ferrell) Morgan. Mrs. Jennings was born July 23, 1859, at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

James Morgan was born in Limerick, Ireland, and his father, James Morgan, senior, removed from Ireland when the son was but an infant. James Morgan, senior, located in Oswego, New York, where he died. His children were: Mary, Patrick, Richard and James. James Morgan, junior, father of Mrs. Jennings, was a city detective, with the rank of sergeant. Mrs. Morgan, mother of Mrs. Jennings, was born November 1, 1830, in Dublin, Ireland, and her residence is now at No. 6316 Washington Avenue.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are as

follows: James Morgan, born October 23, 1881; Marjorie Ellen, August 26, 1883; John William, junior, October 11, 1885, and Kathleen Morgan, February 5, 1895. Mr. Jennings is connected with St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church, of which he is a valued and influential member.

His efforts are made toward the advancement of the people and the right, and he is recognized as a conscientious man. He votes in favor of the Democratic party and at all favorable opportunities presents plausible and forcible arguments in its favor.

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## JAMES F. ROUGH.

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**J**AMES FRANCIS ROUGH is one of the highly respected and honored citizens of Chicago. He comes of a very old Scotch family, and bears many of the qualities of his ancestors. He is sturdy in mind as well as in body, and has a constitution which was handed down through many generations of the sons of "Bonny Scotland." He was born June 20, 1851, at the corner of Alexander and Dorchester Streets, Montreal, Canada, and his parents were James and Margaret (Stark) Rough.

His grandfather, Joseph Rough, was a tallow-chandler in Edinburgh, Scotland. His children were: Margaret, Agnes, William, James, John, Alexander, Catherine, Janet and Andrew. None of the family of Joseph Rough are now living. James, Alexander and Andrew emigrated from their native land and located in Canada. Mr. Rough married Agnes Michie and the family home was at No. 122 Nicholson Street, Edinburgh, Scotland.

The maternal grandfather was a tiller of the soil. His children were: the mother of the man whose name heads this article and a son—Cranston Andrew Stark, who now resides in St. Paul, Minnesota. James Rough died January 28, 1893. He was a flour inspector in Ontario for a period of thirty-five years. He was born December 31, 1818, in Edinburgh, Scotland, and immigrated to America when a young man, in 1845. His wife died March 17, 1892, at the age of seventy-

one years. She was born on a farm near Kelso, Scotland, and was married to Mr. Rough in 1847. Her children are accounted for as follows: Margaret died in childhood. Agnes was next in order of birth. After James Francis was another daughter who was named Margaret. The others are: Jenny, William, Catherine and John. The daughters are all in Toronto and William is a commercial salesman and resides in Winnipeg, while John is a bookkeeper in the city of Toronto.

James F. Rough attended Canadian schools until he had reached the age of sixteen years, and was then employed four years by William Darling & Company, during which time he was errand boy, later being promoted to the position of salesman. He went to Toronto, subsequently, and worked two years for Thompson & Burns. He reached Chicago in June, 1873, and was freight agent one summer for the Union Steamboat Company. He was later clerk in the freight office of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, after which he was weigher in the inspector's office at the Board of Trade. He was for a time with Wade & Corcoran, later with C. H. S. Mixor, still later with I. T. Sunderland, and is at present with John A. Tobey.

Mr. Rough established his residence at No. 6721 St. Lawrence Avenue, in April, 1891, and has since resided in this location. He was married October 31, 1878, to Amelia Annie Stanley,



daughter of Charles John Nathaniel and Mary (Williams) Stanley. Mrs. Rough was born in Clapton, England, and came to the United States when about eight years of age. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Rough is named Ethel Gertrude.

Mr. Rough is connected with Chicago Lodge No. 6, Royal League. He has never taken any active interest in political affairs, but votes to sustain the principles of the Republican party, and argues in favor of its candidates at all times.

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## GEORGE H. HATCH.

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**G**EORGE HENRY HATCH was born at Woodstock, Vermont, March 13, 1834, and died at his home in West Harvey, February 21, 1897. His father being a merchant, he early became familiar with mercantile affairs, but at the early age of nineteen years he resolved upon a broader field and went to California. Much of his life was passed in that western country, and though he came east after his marriage, he was not so well satisfied and again sought the Pacific coast, to remain but a few years, however, finally settling at Harvey, Illinois, in June, 1893. He established the grocery business that is still very successfully carried on by his widow. Ever of an independent turn of mind, an incident of his early life is illustrative of his character. As a boy he had been saving of the little money he acquired. However, upon leaving for the west his father gave him one hundred dollars. The first thing he did after reaching California was to return the money, not liking to feel under that much obligation, even to his own father. He found employment with a stock-man, with whom he remained thirteen years. Applying himself and the useful knowledge of mercantile affairs he had received in his father's store to the business of his employer, which was then at a low ebb, it soon began to recuperate and in no long time had assumed handsome proportions.

Realizing to whom his success and prosperity were due, his employer would not listen to his

leaving him and made it to his interest to remain. He there engaged in the stock business for himself and few men were better known through California, Arizona, Utah and Nevada. At Salt Lake City he became the warm personal friend of Brigham Young, who often entertained him at his own home.

His business with miners was important, and being of a speculative mind and at home in the handling of large property interests, he also invested in mining ventures, but in these the final outcome was disastrous, making and losing fortunes. Finally, after many years of devotion to those larger but less certain interests, he decided to engage in the drug trade at Aurora, Nevada, which he did, and where for several years he was popular as a merchant. It was here some of the warmest friendships of his life were formed, among these the lasting intimacy existing between himself and Rev. J. T. Ladd, of Ottowa, Illinois, whose affection was shown in his presiding at the burial service of his old friend. There he also met the lady, who, on the seventh day of November, 1880, became his wife. She was Miss Kate Guyer, and was born in Calhoun County, Michigan. She is a daughter of Andrew and Mary Ann (Royce) Guyer. The former was born February 10, 1810, at Dunlop's Furnace, Centre County, Pennsylvania, and the latter was born August 1, 1814, at York, York County, the same state. They were married in Pennsylvania and moved to Calhoun County,

Michigan, in March, 1849. They had a family of eight children. John Wesley, the eldest, died in childhood; George W. was a soldier in the Union army and was killed in the battle of Bull Run; Catherine J. died in childhood; James S. resides at Hobart, Indiana; Frances A. resides at Harvey; William M. and Mary J. are deceased; Catherine Virginia is now Mrs. Hatch; Anna Maria is the wife of Philip Roper, of Hobart, Indiana; Elijah H. also resides at Hobart. The mother of this family died October 20, 1856. After her death Mr. Guyer married Mrs. Lavina Starks, by whom he had a daughter—Amanda—who died in March, 1897. Andrew Guyer died at Burlington, Michigan, December, 31, 1881, his wife surviving him a few years only.

Mr. Hatch was for some years the assessor of Esmeralda County, Nevada, embracing territory enough to make a small state, and the duties were such as to require his entire attention. To show his integrity and standing, it is only necessary to say that his predecessor in office had been a defaulter to a large extent, but when bondsmen were required by Mr. Hatch the same men who had suffered loss became unhesitatingly his surety. In 1882 he returned to the east, and

conducted a store at Hobart, Indiana, for seven years, when he again sought the old familiar scenes and settled on a fruit farm in Kern County, California; but it was not like he expected, and in two years he was back at Hobart, coming to Harvey, as before stated.

He became a victim to creeping paralysis and for seven years was an invalid, but was confined to his bed but two weeks before the end. Knowing that the end could not be other than as it was, he retained his customary cheerful manner. His was a character to grow in estimation the better known, and while he was not quick to form new friendships, when once made they were rarely broken except by death. A Prohibitionist in principle, he saw no compromise, even though it interfered with his usual profit. He was laid to his final rest at his old home in Hobart, Indiana, amid many expressions of regret and sorrow.

One son, Edward White Hatch, a bright young man of seventeen years, at the present writing, remains as the consolation and companion of his mother, whose main dependence he is. He is named in honor of the White family that traces in unbroken lineage the line of descent to Peregrine White, first Puritan born in America.

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## FRANK R. JOHNSON.

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**F**RANK ROLLO JOHNSON, who is one of the well-known citizens of the locality in which he resides, is an employe of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company. He was born December 2, 1863, in Harris Township, Elkhart County, Indiana. For ancestry see biography of Francis M. Johnson on another page of this work.

Frank R. Johnson attended the Englewood High and Cook County Normal Schools and left school at the age of sixteen years, having been

three years in the Normal school. He immediately entered the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company as office boy, two years subsequently being promoted to a clerical position. In 1896 he was made assistant foreman in the Englewood Transfer house, in the freight department.

December 24, 1883, he was married to Miss Amanda, daughter of Andrew Sindell, a native of Sweden. Mr. Sindell emigrated from his native land in 1868. The son of Mr. and Mrs.



Johnson, Frank Wayland, was born July 18, 1885. Mr. Johnson is a member of Mystic Star Lodge No. 758, and Auburn Park Chapter No. 601, of the Masonic order, and is insured with the North American Union. Though never particularly in-

terested in politics, Mr. Johnson votes in favor of the Republican party, supporting its candidates at every opportunity. He is a man of great strength of character and is of an ambitious, energetic turn of mind.

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## JOSHUA S. CREECH.

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JOSHUA SAMUEL CREECH, who is in the government service, being clerk in the post-office of the city of Chicago, is a descendant of a very old family of Irish lineage, but traced to German origin. He was born August 25, 1853, in the city of Bandon, County Cork, Ireland, and is a son of Edward and Honorah (Crawley) Creech. Three brothers of the name came from Portsmouth, England, to Ireland, about two hundred years ago, though the family originally came from Hessen-Darmsdat, Germany. These brothers were: Edward, Samuel and Richard Creech. They were a family of weavers and about the fifteenth century went to Portsmouth to obtain employment, going thence to Ireland and taking up the industry of linen weaving. J. W. Creech, of Herrington, Kansas, is a member of the Bandon branch of the family.

The family has resided in Bandon since coming to Ireland and there Samuel Creech, grandfather of the man whose name heads this article, was born. He died about the year 1860, at the age of eighty years. His children were: Edward, Rebecca, Martha, Samuel and Richard. They are all deceased except Rebecca and Samuel. Rebecca was married to Joseph Kendalle, a brewer, and resides in Hamilton, Canada. Rebecca came to America previous to the time of Edward Creech's emigration. Her children were named James, Joseph, Edward, Annie, Jemima and May. Martha, another of the children of Samuel Creech, married John Williams,

a gardener, and resides at Belleville, Ontario. They have no children living. Samuel, another son, located in Georgetown, Ontario. Richard located in Hamilton, Ontario, and is a grocer and hotelkeeper. His family is now in Comoux, British Columbia. Richard Creech located in British Columbia in 1876, where he died in 1890. He was married, and his children were named: Samuel, Edward, Richard, Rebecca, Mary Jane, John (deceased) and Henry.

Edward Creech was born January 10, 1809, in Bandon, Ireland, and immigrated to America with the following children: Rebecca, Martha, William Burton, Edward and Joshua Samuel. Edward died in quarantine, at Quebec, of ship's fever. Edward Creech was a weaver of Irish linen and left Ireland in November, 1853, locating in Hamilton, Canada. He was employed by the Great Western Railway Company, and had charge of the stevedores of that company. William B., one of the sons, came to Chicago in 1860 and his father came in July, 1862, with J. S. Creech. The family made its home on Fourteenth Street, near Third Avenue, in Chicago, and Mr. Creech was an employe of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company until the time of his death, May 27, 1880. He married for his second wife Miss Annie Burget and they had no children.

Joshua Samuel Creech attended the Haven School until 1867 and passed for high school. He attended Cook County Normal School one



year, after which time he began the battle of life. He was in the machine shop of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company until August, 1871, when he took charge of William Frazier's store, dealing in hats. This enterprise was located at No. 606 State Street, and Mr. Frazier was absent on a trip to Europe, returning in September, 1872. Mr. Creech entered the service of Charles Broughton, a newsdealer, remaining until April, 1873. He entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railway Company subsequently, being a machinist for three years. He sailed on the lakes until 1878, and served as second mate on the steamer "California" one season. After two years with Montford, photographer, and three years with Newell, the artist, he entered the mail service and is occupying the position of clerk in the main postoffice of the city.

September 8, 1884, Mr. Creech was married to Alice Mallalieu, a native of Chicago. Mrs.

Creech is a daughter of James Buckley and Marian (Windell) Mallalieu, the former of French Huguenot and the latter of English extraction. The father was a machinist, and was employed by the Illinois Central and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad companies. He died in 1872, from the effects of an accident while repairing a locomotive in the Burlington shops at Aurora, and his widow now resides in St. Louis, Missouri. They came to Chicago from Oldham, England, in 1860. They had eight children born in Illinois, of whom four are now living, two being in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Creech have two daughters—Ivy Hepsibah and Roma Alice. Mr. Creech is a devoted Episcopalian and tries to rear his family in the ways of the righteous. He is connected with the Columbian Knights and National Union. He is a gentleman in the true sense of the word and is looked up to by all who know him.

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## HENRY LAMPARTER.

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**H**ENRY LAMPARTER was a prominent pioneer of Chicago, having settled in the city in 1850, and for many years was engaged in plumbing and gas fitting. He was born February 11, 1823, in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Henry and Barbara Lamparter. The family came to America in 1832 and settled in Philadelphia, in which city Henry, of this sketch, was educated and learned his trade. His mother died in Philadelphia in 1849 and the father died in Chicago in 1865, having come here a few years previously.

In 1850 Henry Lamparter came to Chicago with a gas company from Philadelphia, the company having a contract for putting in gas works in Chicago. He laid all the gas mains on the North Side, having charge and supervision of

the work. In 1854 he began business for himself on the corner of North Clark and Michigan Streets, on the site of the present Revere House.

Two years subsequently he purchased property on the northwest corner of Michigan and Clark Streets, and moved his business to this location. He continued in business, prospering steadily until the fire of 1871, when he was a heavy loser. After the fire he built a small cottage at No. 205 Dearborn Avenue, which for a short time served the double purpose of residence and shop, until he completed a building at his old stand. His was one of the first in that street and he resumed business there in February, 1872. He remained at this location until his death, June 16, 1892.

Mr. Lamparter was a public-spirited and enterprising man, with a never-failing interest in

public affairs, and at one time was one of the supervisors of North Chicago. He became identified with the Republican party on its organization and ever after supported the men and measures of that party. He was a member of Germania Lodge No. 182, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He was many years a member of Dr. Hartmann's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. Lamparter was married in Philadelphia, in 1845, to Miss Barbara Schmid, who is a native of the same place as her husband and came to America

in 1845. She was born January 18, 1818, and is still living and enjoying good health for one of her years. They had three children, all daughters. Louise, the eldest, died in 1874. Julia became the wife of Adam J. Eimermann, of Milwaukee, and died in September, 1890. Emma is the wife of Adam Best, of Chicago, and has three sons, Harry L., Edward J. and Alfred Columbus Adam. They lost one son in childhood. All of the family are members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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## CHARLES ROSENTHAL.

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**C**HARLES ROSENTHAL. Among those of prominence and wealth of the citizens of Chicago, many owe their birth to a place foreign and have become attached to our Land of the Free by adoption. The German people are possessed of the spirit of sturdy will power and ambition that characterizes them and makes success to their enterprises almost certain. They become, also, as loyal to our cause as many who were descended from the early pioneers and are counted as most valuable co-operators in the great advancement of our laws.

Charles Rosenthal was born October 7, 1857, in the village of Riede, Kur-Hessen, Germany. He is a son of John Daniel and Annie Marie (Rittberg) Rosenthal. His grandfather was John Rosenthal, and his children were: John Daniel and John and Elizabeth. John came to America soon after the first half of the century. He located in Flint, Michigan, where he still resides and is a tiller of the soil in that section. The maternal grandfather, Bolver Rittberg, was a game warden in Germany, this position having passed down through the family for many generations. He worked for the family of Butler. One of the members of the family was a Hessian

soldier among those sent to America at the time of the Revolutionary war and remained in this country after the close of the struggle for independence, settling in Pennsylvania. Charles Rosenthal, whose name heads this article, has a large German meerschaum pipe that came to him from this ancestor and it has been in the family for one hundred and fifty years. The family of Rosenthal was composed of farmers whose land passed down since the fifteenth century.

John Daniel Rosenthal and his children, Henry, Charles, William and Dittman, came to Chicago in July, 1862. He died April 26, 1896, at the age of sixty-eight years, and his remains were interred in Waldheim Cemetery. His wife died March 16, 1897, aged sixty-seven years, and her remains were interred with her husband. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal were: Henry, Charles, John, Dittman, John Philip and Mary. Henry was born April 4, 1854, and died April 6, 1891. He married Carolina Schill, October 12, 1882, and his widow resides at No. 2805 Fifth Avenue. The children are: Carrie, Mary, George, the latter being a carriage-painter. John died at the age of a year and one-half. Dittman, born July 27, 1860, was married May 24, 1886, to



Mary Nickel (see biography of Daniel Nickel). Mrs. Dittman Rosenthal was born September 30, 1863, and their children are: Emma Jacopina, Charles Daniel, Henry Dittman and Amanda. John Philip was born June 23, 1865, and is a stone-cutter. He is not married. Mary, born September 1, 1870, lives at the old home, No. 2111 Purple Street.

J. D. Rosenthal was a shoemaker and at his house at No. 2111 Purple Street conducted a shop, later retiring from active business in 1875. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and an upholder of the principles of the Republican party.

Charles Rosenthal attended the Wentworth School and was taught German in private school. At the age of thirteen years he was employed in the paint shop of E. Nifnecker, located at No.

186 West Harrison Street. He learned carriage painting and was interested in the service of this man twelve years. He traveled two years through St. Louis, Little Rock, Cairo and Springfield. June 26, 1886, he started a shop of his own and remained at No. 97 Washington Street one year. He was then occupied in journeyman work for E. G. Seitz, located at No. 266 Bowen Avenue and has since that time been in the service of Mr. Seitz.

Mr. Rosenthal was married November 5, 1882, to Christina Nickel, daughter of Daniel Nickel, of whom further mention is made in another biography of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosenthal have no children. He does not strictly adhere in political interest to one party, but votes for the man who in his estimation is best fitted for the office.

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## ALEXANDER B. STEVENS.

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ALEXANDER BEEBE STEVENS, an enterprising business man of Washington Heights and a representative citizen, comes of a family whose genealogy dates back to an origin in Wales, where three brothers resided, who came together to America. They settled in Philadelphia, in which section they reared their families. One branch settled in the central part of New York, and the members of this branch were the pioneers of the region.

The great-grandfather, Jabez Stevens, was the father of Ezra, both of whom were tillers of the soil. Ezra settled on the site of the city of Rochester, which place was then a wilderness, and which he left in despair. He took up his abode on the banks of the lake afterwards called Skaneateles, in the town of the same name. Here he reared a family of eight children, four having died in infancy. He was one of the pioneers,

having settled in the region when civilization was youthful and game in the forests primeval reigned supreme. He followed fast in the footsteps of the Redmen, a few remaining ones visiting his log cabin at intervals. He tilled the soil and hunted the game of the surrounding forests. He fought bravely in the War of 1812 and was among the many who found it difficult to protect their homes from the British allies, the Indian marauders. His children were hardy and healthy in every way, having been reared in the frontier life, on food of the plainest kind and following the simplest customs. They were descendants of a race of phenomenal strength physically. It was recorded that the three brothers who founded in America the family of Stevens, were possessed of sets of double teeth, which fact denoted their vigorous natural condition. Many of the descendants have inherited



this remarkably great physique. The growth of the mind and soul was not neglected by these men of the family of Stevens, as many of their descendants were men of culture and refinement.

Ezra Stevens was eighty-five years of age at the time of his death and was a man of fine appearance. He affiliated with the people of the Baptist faith and the pastor of the church of his creed could ever find a haven of rest in his home. He married Miss Lucy Foote, a relative of Commodore Foote of the United States Navy. She was a woman of fine and commanding presence, of a dignified carriage, having great ability both physically and mentally. She was reared in New York and was descended from the pioneers of New England, and at her death was seventy-five years of age. She was the mother of twelve children, named as follows: Alexander, Mary and Henry, who died in infancy; Lucy, Harriet, Minerva, Morgan, Timothy, Daniel, Isaac, Leonard and Lyman. Morgan was a doctor in Huron County, Ohio, to which county the family removed in 1837. Lyman was a Swedenborgian minister, and was formerly a mayor of Syracuse. Daniel was a dry-goods merchant, as was also Timothy, and the remaining members of this family all married and reared children with the exception of Minerva.

Isaac Stevens was reared in Skaneateles and was educated in that village. He was a farmer, tanner, carpenter and blacksmith, respectively, at different intervals of his life. Having been born in Duanesburg, New York, February 6, 1809, he was killed June 18, 1874, by the explosion of a boiler while manufacturing sleighs, wheelbarrows and similar articles in the city of Coldwater, Michigan. He removed to the last-named city about the year 1862, and was there a highly respected and honored citizen. He was a fine appearing man, of perfect physique, and was justly popular among his associates, for his strength of character, and a manner which was at once gentle and kind. A man of pleasant impulses, beloved by all his friends and relatives, he was strictly honest and fond of all athletic sport especially swimming, in which he was an expert. He was a true type of the old stock

from which he sprang, and a credit to the race and to the family of Stevens. Isaac Stevens was in his early life affiliated with the Baptist Church, but later united with the congregation of the Christian or "Campbellite" belief. His wife, Sarah Ann Wright, was a daughter of William Wright.

The family of Wright was of the early settlers in New York and the mother of Mrs. Isaac Stevens was of German descent, the father being of Scotch. Mrs. Stevens was born May 7, 1812, in New Paltz, New York, which town is situated on the Hudson River, among the rich scenery with which that region abounds. She died May 15, 1892, at the age of eighty years. She was a woman of strong characteristics and sterling qualities of head and heart. She came to Chicago about 1887, and died in Englewood, shortly previous to the time she was to have been removed to the home of her son. She was an active member of the Christian Church and the mother of seven children, as follows: Katharine, Janette, Alexander Beebe, William Henry, Ezra Clinton, Lyman and Douglas Milton. Alexander Beebe and Douglas Milton now reside in Chicago. Ezra Clinton established the first grocery store in the town of Englewood.

Alexander Beebe Stevens was educated in New York and Huron County, Ohio, to which locality last named the family had removed in 1837, and remained in that section until 1857. In his early life Mr. Stevens lived on a farm and attended school until he reached the age of thirteen years. He had opportunity to attend only in the winter months and had little chance to obtain a modern education, whose advantages are now almost unlimited. He was on his father's farm until he reached the age of fourteen years and was then employed by the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad Company, at Galion, Ohio, supplying wood to the engines on that road. After two years in this service he was promoted to the position of baggage-master at the station at Galion. When he had reached the age of seventeen years he was made ticket and express agent for the two railroads, which at that time terminated in the last-mentioned town. These

roads were the Bellefontaine & Indianapolis and the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, and he was also agent for the American and United States Express Companies. While holding these positions of trust in Galion, he purchased eighty acres of land in Hillsdale County, Michigan, and had forty acres fenced and cleared from heavy timber, including an old Indian sugar camp which contained hundreds of maple trees.

In the year 1855 Mr. Stevens went to Muncie, Indiana, and was there assistant agent of the Bellefontaine & Indianapolis Railroad Company, where he was practically the agent, and was one of the twenty Democrats of the region who assisted in the election of Buchanan for President of the United States. After one year in the last-mentioned position he was assistant agent at the terminus of the Jeffersonville Railroad, which city is opposite Louisville. After six months in this capacity he went to Dayton, Ohio, where he was two years assistant agent for the United States and American Express Companies. In 1858 he removed to Redbluffs, California, and was six months bookkeeper for one of the rich men in the county. On his return to the state of Ohio he was for a short time express messenger between the cities of Columbus, Ohio, and Union City, Indiana, after which time he was two years in the employ of the American Express Company, as chief clerk and cashier in the station at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Stevens gave up a good position to enlist in the army in 1862, when he became connected with the Nineteenth Ohio Battery, and served until the close of the Civil War. He was among the number of loyalists who pursued Morgan through Ohio when that guerrilla was making himself obnoxious at the time in that region. Mr. Stevens was in the siege of Knoxville, Tennessee, and served on detached duty at the headquarters of Gen. John M. Palmer, of Illinois, at Louisville, Kentucky. He also served as clerk at the headquarters of General Scofield at Knoxville, and was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, June 26, 1865.

After the war he returned to Cleveland, Ohio, and to the employ of the American Express Com-

pany, as clerk and cashier, the said company having given him half pay during his entire service in the war. After a short time in this capacity he secured the position of auditor for the Union Line Express Company and was soon promoted to the position of chief clerk for the Merchants' Union Express Company of Auburn, New York, and organized fifteen hundred miles of the road for the last-named concern. His official position was that of chief clerk in the general office with a salary of two thousand dollars per year.

After a year and one-half in the position last mentioned he removed to Coldwater, Michigan, where his brother, William Henry Stevens, was engaged in the manufacture of wheelbarrows and children's sleighs. After one year the factory was burned and A. B. Stevens settled in Englewood in April, 1869. He secured the position of ticket agent for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, and was freight bill clerk at Englewood. After a short time he removed his place of residence to Washington Heights, where he was for eight years the agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroads. He then engaged in dealing in coal and lumber, in which business he was eminently successful.

In Louisville, Kentucky, October 6, 1864, Mr. Stevens married Miss Melville Miller, a daughter of Francis Miller, who was educated in a private school in Shelbyville, Kentucky. The children of this worthy couple were named as follows: Janette Moore, Alexander Beebe, Mary, Henry Albert, Frank, Jessie and Sarah. Janette M. and Jessie are the only children living. With their children Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are members of the Christian Scientists' First Church of Christ of Chicago. They are valuable and earnest members of the congregation and are highly respected by all who know them. Mr. Stevens is a public-spirited and thoroughly worthy citizen, though he affiliates with no especial party, believing in the election of any capable and honest man to hold office, regardless of political association. He is a member of George H. Thomas



Post No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic, of the Masonic fraternity and of many other organizations.

In 1887 Mr. Stevens underwent a great change mentally, which naturally affected his physical organization. He was forced to seek rest and travel in the interest of his health and consulted many eminent and reliable physicians, but without avail. Only through the care of his beloved wife and the spiritual guidance which he secured through his enforced rest from business care,

was his valuable life spared to the finishing of his prospected work. Since that time a marked spiritual growth has manifested itself in the character and habits of Mr. Stevens, who was always more or less inclined to think seriously of the side of life which presented itself most forcibly to him. His overpowering influence is felt by all people with whom he comes in contact. Surely the Creator teaches His lessons of life to those who are ready and willing to listen to His voice.

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## REV. HENRY WUNDER.

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REV. HENRY WUNDER, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, has occupied that position continuously since 1851. He was born March 12, 1830, in Bavaria, Germany, and was the eldest of nine children born to Conrad and Barbara (Mueller) Wunder, natives of Bavaria. Conrad Wunder was a miller by trade and passed his entire life in his native land, dying in 1839, at the age of fifty-two years. His widow survived him several years.

The subject of this sketch is the only member of the family who became a resident of the United States. He received his rudimentary education in the public school of his native place, which he attended until the age of fourteen years. On quitting the public school he entered college at Neuendettelsau, an institution for preparing young men for ministerial work in America, and remained there until 1846. He was then sent to America, sailing from Bremen in the ship "Caroline." Sixty-three days later he was landed in New York, September 3, 1846. He traveled directly to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and there attended the seminary, which it was called at that time, the school now being called the Fort Wayne Gymnasium. He remained here until 1848,

when he removed to Altenburg, Missouri, and there entered the German Lutheran Seminary. This institution was founded in 1839, occupying at first a log building eighteen by twenty-four feet. It was later moved to St. Louis, and is now known as Concordia Seminary. He was graduated from this institution in November, 1849, and ordained by Reverend Walther, D.D., December 16 of the same year.

Reverend Wunder was then called to Millstadt, Illinois, and had charge of the Lutheran Church there until he came to Chicago. He arrived here September 18, 1857, having been called here by the congregation to succeed Rev. A. Selle, who came to Chicago in 1846, and founded the church. Mr. Wunder has had charge of it continuously since.

His first church building in Chicago was on Indiana Street, between Wells and Franklin Streets. In the year 1864 the church was moved to the present location, corner of Superior and Franklin Streets. Mr. Wunder has always been a student and has a fine library. In 1863 his residence on Franklin Street was burned, and again in 1871. In 1866 he visited Germany, and spent six weeks in the land of his nativity.



St. Paul's is the oldest church of the denomination in the city and from it have been founded the other churches here. Reverend Wunder has devoted his life to pastoral work and has been heard in other pulpits besides his own. For the past sixteen years he has been president of the Illinois district of the synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states. He has an assistant in the person of John Baumgaertner, a faithful worker, who has been associated with him nearly two years.

Reverend Wunder has been three times married. In January, 1852, he was united to Albertina

Hiretz, by whom he had six children, only one of whom is now living—Renata Wunder. Her mother died in May, 1861. In 1862 Mr. Wunder was married to Wilhelmina Siegmann. This couple became the parents of two children, one of whom is now living—Louise, wife of Rev. Karl Schmidt, pastor of St. James' Church. Her mother died in March, 1865. The third wife of Mr. Wunder was Emily Rotermund, the marriage being celebrated in October, 1866. She died August 27, 1897, leaving three children, namely: Paulina, who is the wife of Charles Fiene, of Chicago; Julius and Dora.

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## CHARLES BRUST.

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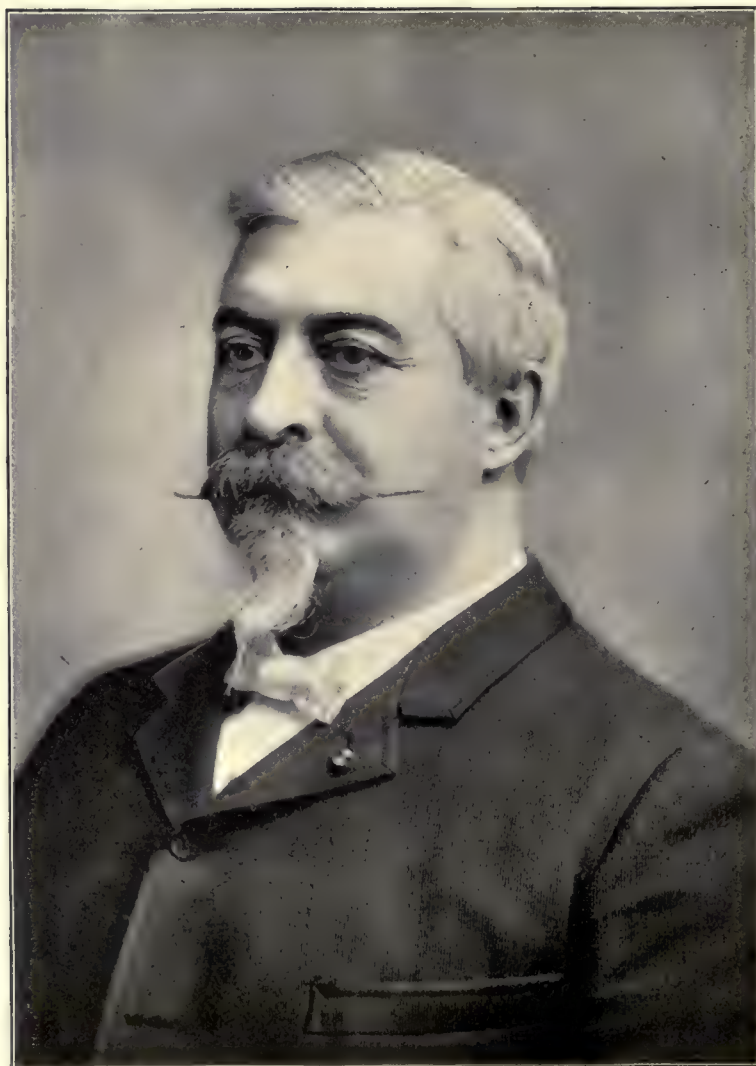
**C**HARLES BRUST, who is among the most energetic of the citizens of Chicago and interested in the promotion of the business interests of the great city, was born October 1, 1855, on Calumet Avenue, near Twenty-fifth Street, Chicago. For further mention of his ancestors, see biography of Peter Brust in this volume.

Charles Brust obtained the rudiments of his education in the Haven School, which he attended until he reached the age of thirteen years. He then commenced to learn the trade of printer and entered the office of Mr. Wells, who printed the daily market sheet. He remained in this employ as printer's apprentice for a period of three years. He sold daily papers at the same time, and was very active and industrious in whatever line it was possible to earn money. He subsequently worked one year in the lead works of D. B. Shipman, and for four years after this term had charge of the mailing division of the *Fireside Friend*. He returned to the service of Mr. Shipman, where he remained but six months, when he was made shipping clerk for Einstien, Lang, Gini & Company. He served in the in-

terests of this firm eleven years, and was a valuable and ambitious employe. He was for five years with Julius Stein & Company, one year with Siegel Brothers, and then entered the service of the city, being two months in the South Town assessor's office under J. E. Richards, a short time in the county treasurer's office, under Henry Wolff, after which time he returned to the South Town assessor's office, under S. George Miller. He filled different political positions during a period of four years, and then entered the employ of A. Ellinger & Company, dealers in cloaks, as shipping clerk. This firm is located at No. 177 Monroe Street, and is now the Badger Manufacturing Company. He has been here employed for the past year.

Charles Brust was married November 2, 1879, to Miss Nellie O'Neill, daughter of David O'Neill. She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and her children are: Harry Charles, aged seventeen years; William Charles fifteen years; Nellie Marie, fourteen years, and Irene Lillian, twelve years. Mr. Brust is a stanch upholder of the principles of the Democratic party.

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COL. E. D. SWAIN.

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## EDGAR DENMAN SWAIN, D. D. S.

**E**DGAR DENMAN SWAIN, D. D. S., is engaged in the practice of dentistry at the corner of Randolph and State Streets, Chicago, and is prominent in both professional and military circles. He was born in Westford, Vt., in August, 1836, and is a son of Dr. Marcus and Charlotte (Woodbury) Swain. On the paternal side he is of Scotch lineage, and on the maternal side is of English descent. The father became a resident of Oshkosh, Wis., in 1857, and during the war he was appointed Surgeon of the Wisconsin Penitentiary at Waupun. About 1878, he removed to Englewood, Ill., and thence to Glen-coe, where his death occurred at the age of seventy-nine. His wife died in Waupun, Wis. In their family were four sons and two daughters: Edgar D. of this sketch; Dr. Oliver D., a resident of Chicago; Marcus W., who was killed in a railroad accident in 1862; George A., who died of typhoid fever in the army in the summer of 1863; and Alice M. and Charlotte, both living.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch remained under the parental roof until seventeen years of age, and then left home, going to Worcester, Mass., where he worked in a machine-shop. He afterward removed to Saratoga Springs, N. Y., where, in 1855, he began the study of dentistry. Two years later he became a resident of Wisconsin and began practice in Oshkosh. Subsequently he was engaged in the prosecution of his profession in Aurora, Ill., and in Batavia, Ill.

Mr. Swain watched with interest the progress of events which preceded the Civil War, and after the South had attacked Ft. Sumter, he resolved to strike a blow in defense of the Union. He raised a company, and on the 22d of July, 1861,

became Captain of Company I, Forty-second Illinois Infantry. He was afterward promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, in October, 1863, and in 1865 was placed in command of the Second Brigade, Second Division, Fourth Army Corps. He served until the close of the war, and took part in many important engagements, including the Fremont campaign in Missouri. His was the first regiment to enter Columbus, Ky., and with his company he took part in the siege of Island No. 10, being largely instrumental in its capture. Under the command of Gen. Polk, he then went to Hamburg, Tenn., and aided in the capture of Corinth. The following summer he was employed in guarding railroads, and in the fall was ordered to report to Gen. Buell, of Nashville, remaining with the command of Gen. Negley in possession of that city during Bragg and Buell's Kentucky campaign. After the cessation of hostilities his regiment was ordered to Texas for duty. Dr. Swain was finally mustered out in Springfield, Ill., on the 12th of January, 1866. He was wounded in the left knee at New Hope Church, Ga., and for three months his injury would not permit him to engage in active service, but he saw nearly all of the important campaigns of the war west of the Alleghany Mountains, and was in twenty-seven engagements.

Dr. Swain's connection with military affairs has since continued, and in army circles he is a leader. In 1877, he became Major of the First Regiment Illinois National Guards, and took part in suppressing the railroad riots of that year. In August he was made Lieutenant-Colonel, and in December, 1877, was promoted to the rank of Colonel, in which capacity he served for four years,

when he resigned. He has long been a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, served for three years as Commander of George H. Thomas Post, and for two years was Commander of the Department of Illinois. He has also served as Senior Vice-Commander in Chief of the National Encampment, and is a member of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

After the war, Dr. Swain began the practice of dentistry in Chicago, and for a time was associated with Dr. Cushing, and afterward with Dr. Noble. Since 1870 he has been alone in practice, and now finds little time for other pursuits. He is an accomplished microscopist and has given much time to the investigation of histology. He was

President of the Chicago Dental Society in 1874, and of the Illinois State Dental Society in 1875. He was also Secretary of the latter for two terms, and was Secretary of the Chicago Octontological Society. At present he is Dean of the dental department in the Northwestern University. The degree of D. D. S. was conferred upon him by the Ohio Dental College in March, 1883.

Dr. Swain was married in 1869 to Miss Clara Smith, who was born in Kane County, Ill., and is a daughter of Benjamin Smith, one of the pioneers of Chicago. The Doctor is a close observer and careful student, thorough and industrious in all undertakings, and has steadily risen in his profession until he is numbered among the leading dentists of the city.

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## WILLIAM HAHNE.

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**W**ILLIAM HAHNE, a well-known citizen and dealer in agricultural implements in Mattison, Cook County, was born in Hanover, Germany, February 2, 1834, and is one of six children, namely: Emma, Henry, Mary, Frederick Diedrich, William and Louis. Their parents, Diedrich and Marie (Biermann) Hahne, were also natives of Germany. The father died when our subject was about seven years of age, leaving quite an estate to the eldest son, Henry, who was to care for and educate the other members of the family. With his younger brothers and sisters, therefore, he left his native land and set sail for the New World, landing in Chicago on the 2d of October, 1850.

William Hahne acquired his education in the public schools of Germany. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed for three years to William Wayman, a wagon and carriage maker of Chicago. After learning his trade, he worked for John Borman and Mr. Whitbeck, both of

Chicago. In 1858 he embarked in business for himself in Elk Grove, Cook County, where he carried on operations as a wagon and carriage-maker until 1862. In that year he came to Mattison and continued in the same business, to which in a short time he added a complete line of agricultural implements and farm machinery. About the year 1882, on account of failing health, he abandoned wagon and carriage making, but still carries on the other lines, and is now enjoying a prosperous trade, which is the sure reward of untiring energy and straightforward business principles.

Mr. Hahne was married in the summer of 1858 to Sophia L. Shumacher, daughter of John Shumacher, a native of Germany. She was born in the same country in 1836. Their children are: John Frederick Henry, who was born in Elk Grove, Cook County, Ill., June 11, 1859, and died January 23, 1865; Dora Maria Berthe, who was born in Elk Grove, Cook County, Ill., Septem-



ber 21, 1860, and is now the wife of William H. Depke, a grocer of Danville, Ill.; Henrietta D. Marie Emma, born in Elk Grove April 18, 1862, the wife of Fred Utermark, proprietor of the Mattison House, of Mattison, Cook County, Ill.; Marie Caroline, who was born in Mattison, and is the wife of Henry Tueachman, a cigar manufacturer of Chicago Heights; Willemine Dorethea Mathilda, who was born in Mattison, March 11, 1866, and is the wife of Frank Kort, a baker of Dalton, Ill.; Diedrich William F., who was born in Mattison, November 12, 1867, and is a grocer of Danville, Ill.; Henry Carl George, who was born January 18, 1870, and died October 12, 1880; H. Gus Louis, who was born January 23, 1873, and died December 18, 1874; Caroline Marie Sophia, born in Mattison, February 3, 1874; Anna Sophia Dorthé, born October 23, 1876; and Amanda Marie W. C., born in Mattison, January 12, 1883. The last three are at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hahne are members of the German Lutheran Church, and have educated their children in that faith, and have also given them a thorough English education. Mr. Hahne has ever been a liberal contributor to the support of the church. His education was acquired in the schools of the Fatherland when quite young, but

although he never attended the public schools after coming to America, by observation and close application, he has acquired a good knowledge of English. He is an ardent supporter of our public-school system, and his influence has been thrown into every educational movement. To him more than to any other citizen of Mattison is the public indebted for ten months school in each year, not only in the public, but also in the parochial schools. As Director or Township Treasurer, he has served almost continuously since his arrival in Rich Township.

On the 22d of October, 1856, Mr. Hahne received his naturalization papers, and in the following November he cast his first vote. He has always been a staunch Republican, holding firmly to the principles upon which the organization of this party was based. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace for the long period of twenty-five years, that of Notary Public for twelve years, and President of the Village Board of Trustees for four years. To the performance of his duties he has brought an intelligent mind and the right idea of the practicability of a movement. He is true to every trust, and his public and private life are alike above reproach. Happy in a promising family, he has become the possessor of a reputation for unsullied integrity of character.

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## NORMAN REXFORD.

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**N**ORMAN REXFORD, deceased, the first permanent settler of Blue Island, and for many years one of its most prominent citizens, will be long remembered among the pioneers of northern Illinois for his hospitality and kindly manner. Mr. Rexford was born in Charlotte, Vt., June 4, 1802, and died at Blue Island, March 28, 1883. He was a son of Benajah and Zeruia (Squire) Rexford, who had six children: Ste-

phen, Norman, Isabel (Mrs. Fayette Dickson), Heber S., Elsie Ann (Mrs. Cooley) and Ruth, who died in childhood. Benajah Rexford was born in Wallingford, Conn., June 23, 1780, and died at Westfield, N. Y., March 25, 1862. His second wife, Roxana Ayer, of Stanstead, Conn., bore him six children: Wilder A., Betsy L. (Mrs. Daniel Morse), Olive H. (Mrs. Isaac Relf), Louisa A. (Mrs. Thaddeus Ayer), So-



phronia H. (Mrs. L. Harmon) and Thomas Ayer.

Benajah Rexford represented the fifth generation of his family in America, being descended from Arthur Rexford, an English ship-master, who was married at New Haven, Conn., September 3, 1702, to Elizabeth Stevens. Their eldest son was also named Arthur, and his first wife, Jemima, bore him eight children, one of whom, named Benjamin, served in the Continental army. He married Esther Hall, and they had eleven children, the eldest, Benjamin, being also a Revolutionary soldier. The latter married Catherine Rice, and Benajah was the eldest of their six children.

Norman Rexford removed while a young man to Ripley, Chautauqua County, N. Y., where he was married, January 10, 1828, to Julia Wattles, daughter of Chandler and Diana (Murray) Wattles. Soon after his marriage, Mr. Rexford removed to Pittsburgh, Pa., and thence, in 1835, he drove by team to Chicago, arriving on the 5th day of June. He first located at Bachelor's Grove, Cook County, where his brother Stephen had preceded him in 1833. A few months later, Norman Rexford located at Long Wood, near the north end of "the island," where he kept tavern in a log cabin of four rooms. In November, 1836, he removed to the present village of Blue Island. A small log cabin had been erected the previous year by a man named Courtney. This was a rude structure, only 12x15 feet, without floor, and was the only building within the present limits of the village. Mr. Rexford proceeded to build a hewed frame building for a hotel. This was sided with boards drawn by team from Pine Creek, Ind., over one hundred miles distant, the lumber costing \$40 per thousand. The building stood on the east side of Western Avenue, at the top of the bluff, on or near the site of the present post-office. As the country was rapidly filling up with emigrants, this hotel was well patronized. It was afterwards enlarged, and continued to be a landmark until 1858, when it was destroyed by fire. It was known as the Blue Island House. Many a social gathering was held therein, and many of the pioneers of Chicago and other points twenty or thirty

miles distant often drove thither to trip "the light fantastic" upon its floor. The fun was frequently continued until morning, many of the guests remaining to breakfast before departing for their homes. In the spring of the year the prairie roads were often almost impassable. It was customary with Mr. Rexford to hang beacon lights in the upper windows of the house on dark nights, as a guide to all belated travelers who might be struggling through the mire or the severe storms of winter.

In 1838, a postoffice was established at Blue Island, and Mr. Rexford served as Postmaster for a number of years, during which time his son Fayette carried the mail on horseback from Chicago to Buncombe, Ill., a distance of ninety miles, making weekly trips. Letter postage was twenty-five cents, and nearly every house along the sparsely-settled route was a postoffice. In 1852, Mr. Rexford sold out the hotel and removed to a farm adjoining the village, where the balance of his days were spent. Most of the farm is now included in the village, and it has appreciated in value to an extent little dreamed of by him at the time of his purchase. Mrs. Julia Rexford still resides at Blue Island, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. The following is a record of their children: Fayette D. is proprietor of the Centralia House at Centralia, Ill.; Laura A., who became the wife of A. B. Kyle, of Englewood, is now deceased; Clarissa C. is now Mrs. H. H. Massey, of Blue Island; Norman B. is a well-known citizen of that place; Mary D. died in childhood; Julia married James B. Massey, and is now deceased; Susan Mary is deceased; Elizabeth P. died in childhood; and Heber Squire became a prominent citizen of Blue Island, where his death occurred in 1882.

Mr. and Mrs. Rexford were active members of the Universalist Church, and were interested in many benevolent and charitable works. Seldom was a man turned away from their door for want of food or money, although their generosity was sometimes imposed upon. Mr. Rexford never engaged in litigation, or wished to see others do so. It is said that at one time, after trying in vain to adjust a quarrel between two of his neigh-

bors, he paid the amount in dispute out of his own pocket, rather than see them engage in a lawsuit. In early life he was an active Democrat, but afterwards became a Republican. A staunch adher-

ent of every progressive movement, it may be truly said that Blue Island owes much of its present prosperity to the example of public spirit, forethought and enterprise set by Mr. Rexford.

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## WILLIAM HAMILTON.

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**W**ILLIAM HAMILTON, who resides in Bremen Township, where he is living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves, was born in Ballymolin, County Down, Ireland, in April, 1808, and is a son of John and Mary Ann Hamilton, both of whom spent their entire lives on the Emerald Isle, reaching a very advanced age, the father living to be one hundred and four years old, and his wife to be eighty-six. The year 1822 witnessed the arrival of William Hamilton in this country. He lived for nine years in New York City, where he learned the plasterer's trade, and also engaged in making slate roofs. In 1838 he came West and took up his residence in Bremen Township, Cook County, then an undeveloped and unsettled region. The Indians occupied lands adjoining, and for several years he had only two white neighbors for miles around. The family lived in a log cabin, and went through all the experiences of frontier life. In 1850 Mr. Hamilton built the present family homestead, in which he has since lived. He has been a successful farmer and man of business, and increased his landed possessions from eighty to three hundred and twenty acres. As an investment, he early bought city lots in Blue Island, which he subsequently sold at a fine profit, and later made very successful investments in Hyde Park property, which is now owned by his children. In 1879 he retired from active life, and at that time apportioned his property among his children. He is now spending his declining years on the old homestead with his son John, and, al-

though he has reached the advanced age of eighty-six, he still enjoys excellent health. He is one of the honored pioneers of the county, and by all who know him is held in high regard. Since fourteen years of age he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his life has been in harmony with his profession.

In 1837 William Hamilton was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Kelley, of New York City. Her death occurred in December, 1887, at the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are yet living: William, a resident of Hyde Park; Mary Jane, wife of W. A. Briggs, of Hyde Park; Margaret, wife of John P. Roberson, of Hyde Park; and John, who owns the old homestead in Bremen Township. The fourth child, James G., lost a limb in front of Richmond, Va., in October, 1864, while serving in Company G, Thirty-ninth Illinois Regiment. He died May 7, 1885, aged forty-one years.

John Hamilton was born on the home farm, July 27, 1842. During his boyhood he attended the public schools and Hillsdale (Mich.) College. In 1864, having completed his education, he returned home, and since that time has devoted his energies to his extensive farming interests. Since 1879 he has had charge of two hundred and forty acres of good land, comprising one of the most valuable farms in this section of Illinois, and for the past sixteen years he has made a specialty of the dairy business. He keeps on hand about fifty cows, and has met with excellent



success in that enterprise. He also raises some fine horses, and is recognized as one of the leading farmers and stock-dealers of this locality.

On the 16th of November, 1882, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage with Miss Alma G. Lucas, daughter of George and Barbara (Drummond) Lucas, whose family numbers five children, the others being Margaret, wife of W. Hulet, of Bremen Township; Robert and Arthur, well-known farmers; and Clara L., wife of Dexter Minard, who is represented elsewhere in this work. The father, George Lucas, was a native of the Buckeye State, but during his boyhood left his Ohio home, and has since resided in Illinois. By oc-

cupation, he is a farmer. His wife is a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and a daughter of James and Margaret (McMartin) Drummond.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have been born three children, Margaret Florence, Emily Clara and John Emerson, and all are still under the parental roof. In his political views, Mr. Hamilton is a stalwart advocate of Republican principles, and has served as School Trustee of Bremen Township, but has never sought political preferment, desiring rather to give his entire time and attention to his business interests, in which he has met with good success.

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## JOHN McELDOWNEY.

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JOHN McELDOWNEY, one of the honored pioneers of Cook County, has for almost sixty years resided on the site of Chicago Heights, although it was long years after his arrival that the town sprang into existence. The history of Cook County as a frontier settlement is well known to him, and the experiences of the pioneer form a part of his record. He was born in Ireland, on the 11th of October, 1811. His father, John McEldowney, and his grandfather, who also bore the name of John, likewise were natives of the Emerald Isle. The mother, who in her maidenhood was Martha Caldwell, was born in Ireland, and was a daughter of James and Jane (Moorhead) Caldwell. Mr. McEldowney, the father, was a farmer, and followed that occupation throughout his entire life. In 1832, he crossed the Atlantic to Canada, and in 1836 came to Cook County, Ill., where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring on the 20th of January, 1875. With the Presbyterian Church he held membership. His wife was called to her final rest March 5, 1861. They were married in 1810, and became

the parents of nine children, namely: John of this sketch; Jane, who was born January 21, 1814, became the wife of Robert Wallace, and died in 1874; James, who was born May 4, 1816, has followed farming throughout his life, and now resides in Chicago Heights; Ann, who married John Hughes, and died May 4, 1888; Thomas, born December 1, 1821, retired, living in Chicago Heights; Rosana, born May 28, 1822, and who died May 17, 1845, being the first one interred in Bloom Cemetery; Catherine J., born June 15, 1824, the wife of Stewart B. Eakem; Martha, who was born January 21, 1827, became the wife of John W. Morrison, a minister of Bloom for twenty-five years, and died on the 2d of May, 1894; and Elizabeth, born July 10, 1829, deceased, wife of John Miller.

The eldest member of the family, in whom the readers of this volume are especially interested, well deserves representation in the history of his adopted county. He acquired his education in the public schools, and remained on the Emerald Isle until 1832, when, with his father, he boarded a sailing-vessel and became a resident of Canada.





JOHN McELDOWNEY.

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There he began working on a farm, receiving \$7 per month for his services. He was thus employed until 1835, when he resolved to seek his home in Illinois, and in the spring of that year started for Chicago. He made the first part of the journey on foot as far as Burlington, Vt., and by way of the Canal and Lakes to Detroit, from whence he came on foot to his destination, a distance of three hundred miles.

For two months Mr. McEldowney worked in the New York Hotel stable. He has cut hay where the court house of Chicago now stands, and has witnessed almost the entire growth and development of Cook County. On the 1st of July, 1835, he took up his residence at Thorn Grove, now Chicago Heights, and made a claim of four hundred acres of land on sections 28 and 29, Bloom Township, for which he paid the usual Government price of \$1.25 per acre. His first home was a log cabin, built on the site of the present town, and there he lived in true pioneer style. His farming was done with crude machinery, and he worked early and late in order to make a start. His enterprise, perseverance and industry were at length crowned with success, and at one time he was the owner of a very valuable farm of five hundred and twenty acres. He acquired a handsome competence, which now enables him to rest from business cares.

On the 15th of July, 1836, Mr. McEldowney

married Miss Ann Wallace, daughter of William and Elizabeth Wallace, and a native of Ireland, born June 4, 1814. They have eight children. Dorothy, who was born March 28, 1838, became the wife of James Hunter, and died June 28, 1870; Mary A., born May 17, 1840, is the wife of Samuel McDowall, an attorney at law, engaged in practice in Salt Lake City; William J., born June 30, 1843, is President of the Chicago Heights Bank; Martha E., born May 19, 1846, died February 27, 1867; James H. was born May 20, 1848; Margaret J., born May 13, 1850, died on the 6th of July following; Rebecca, born October 8, 1851, is the wife of William J. Campbell, an attorney at law; and Andrew W., born February 6, 1854, completes the family.

Since the organization of the party, Mr. McEldowney has been a staunch Republican in politics, and has been honored with several local offices. He has served as Supervisor, and for the long period of twenty years was Justice of the Peace, proving a capable and efficient officer. In 1886, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 7th of September, and was laid to rest in Bloom Cemetery. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which Mr. McEldowney also belongs. His life has been well and worthily passed, and throughout the community in which he has so long made his home he has the high regard of all.

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## EVERITTE ST. JOHN.

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**E**VERITTE ST. JOHN, General Manager of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, was born at Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn., February 4, 1844. Both parents were natives of that State and of English lineage. When four years old, his father died, and his mother, though left with a large family of chil-

dren, managed to provide for their physical comfort and gave each a public-school education. Ambitious to begin a career of usefulness, at an early age the subject of this biography began to earn his livelihood by becoming a clerk for his elder brother, who filled the combined offices of Postmaster, station agent, Town Clerk and gen-



eral store-keeper of the village. Here, and in his mother's home, were imbibed in a large degree those principles of industry, economy and perseverance which have characterized the man, and which are essential to the successful management of an extensive railway system, or other large enterprises.

Through the medium of the local gossip, which had its natural center at the village postoffice, he heard much of the success of other young men who had left the Nutmeg State to seek their fortunes in the great West, and becoming inoculated with the western fever, at the age of seventeen years he resigned his position as his brother's assistant and went to Quincy, Ill. Here he became a clerk in the general ticket office of the Quincy & Toledo Railroad, at a salary of \$30 per month. When that road was consolidated with the Great Western Railroad, of Illinois, he was transferred to a similar position at Springfield, with a slight increase of salary. One year later, having received an offer of a better position from the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, he came to Chicago, and on the 4th of July, 1863, began his career with that corporation. His steady application and untiring energy soon attracted the attention of his superiors, and secured promotion to a more responsible and lucrative position. Successively he became Chief Ticket Clerk and General Ticket Agent, occupying the latter position for fourteen years. At the expiration of that period, he was appointed General Ticket and Passenger Agent of the road, and six months later became Assistant General Manager, while still holding the former position. In July, 1887, he was made General Manager of the lines east of the Missouri River, and the duties of that office were supplemented by those of Assistant General Manager of the lines west of the Missouri River. On the 1st of April, 1889, he assumed the position of General Manager of the entire system, bringing to the discharge of his duties the ripened experience of a quarter-century of active railroad labors.

With the growth and development of the great West, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad system has grown, and in many localities has preceded the development of its tributary terri-

tory. Mr. St. John has constantly striven to improve and perfect every department, and to that end has devoted much of the time given by others to recreation, having often given, for many years, twelve to fifteen hours per day to his work. His industry has been something phenomenal, and it is a source of wonder to his acquaintances that he has not given way in physical vigor under the assaults made by his own ambition and industry. He is remarkably free from all ostentation and those assumptions of exclusiveness often affected by men in high and responsible positions, and is among the most approachable and genial of men. Having conquered by labor his own elevation, he can sympathize with all who labor, and his latch-string is always out to the humblest employe who has a grievance, or a request to make.

As Chairman of the General Managers' Association, Mr. St. John bore no small part of the responsibility in overcoming the great sympathetic strike of 1894, in which the American Railway Union, composed largely of switchmen, and others identified and unidentified with railroad operations, sought to compel the railroads of the country to abandon the use of Pullman cars, because of an alleged grievance of members of the union against the Pullman Palace Car Company. The principle thus sought to be set up being wholly un-American, and not acknowledged by thinking people, the railroads set about carrying on their own business according to existing contracts with the Pullman Palace Car Company, and for the accommodation of the traveling public. The false principle was set up, and an attempt made to force the railroads and the public to accept it, that the strikers had a right to prevent, even by force, anyone from operating the roads by fulfilling the duties and service they had left. The General Managers met every emergency, and by co-operation soon secured men to operate trains; and the National Government protecting its mails and inter-state commerce, delays were averted, and as speedily as possible the resumption of traffic, both passenger and freight, thereby secured. All this was not accomplished until much valuable property, chiefly the cars of the railroads and their freight, belonging to ship-

pers all over the country, had been destroyed by fires set by strikers and their sympathizers. By their firm position and prompt action in securing the most ready and valuable protection, the General Managers won, and received the admiration and thanks of law-abiding people everywhere, and also made more certain and intelligible the principle that every American citizen has the right to undertake any honorable employment he wishes, and that no class can rightfully cut off the privileges of the rest of the world to secure its own selfish ends.

As Chairman of the Railway Finance Committee of the World's Columbian Exposition, he enabled that association to add nearly \$1,000,000 to its treasury. He has been for years connected with many important railway associations, as fol-

lows: Chairman of Executive Committee of the Trans-Missouri Freight Association; Chairman of Western Railroad Weighing Association and Inspection Bureau; Chairman of the Chicago Car Service Association, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Western Freight Association.

Mr. St. John was happily married in 1869 to Miss Emilina B. Lamson, of Andover, Mass. They occupy a pleasant home on Rush Street, Chicago, where is stored his library of over one thousand choice volumes. He is a communicant of the Episcopal Church; a member of the Union League Club, and of Waubensee Lodge No. 160, A. F. & A. M.; Past Eminent Commander of Montjoe Commandery, No. 53, K. T., and ex-President of the Sons of Connecticut.

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## CYRUS HALL McCORMICK, JR.

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CYRUS HALL McCORMICK, Jr., is the eldest child of the great inventor of the reaper, Cyrus H. McCormick. His mother is Nettie Fowler McCormick. He was born on the 16th of May, 1859, in Washington, D. C., where his parents lived for several months while his father was securing patents on his reaper. At an early age, young McCormick entered the public schools of Chicago, and at the age of eighteen was graduated from the High School at the head of his class. He at once entered Princeton College and became a member of the Class of '79. In the autumn following, he entered the business of the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, and served in several departments in order that he might obtain a knowledge of its various branches. On the death of his father in 1884, he was elected to succeed him as President of the company, and has continued in that position up to the present time.

On the 5th of March, 1889, Mr. McCormick was married at Monterey, Cal., to Miss Harriet Bradley Hammond, a niece of Mrs. E. S. Stickney, of Chicago. They have three children, two sons and a daughter.

For several years Mr. McCormick has been a director of the Merchants' Loan & Trust Company, of Chicago. Since June, 1889, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Princeton University. He is also Secretary of the Board of Trustees of McCormick Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, and was for several years the first Vice-President of the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago. In the summer of 1889, he spent some time in Paris in the interest of the company's exhibits at the International Exposition, and was soon after decorated by the President of France "Officer of the *Merite Agricole*." In speaking of this honor, the *Courier d' Illinois* said: "This is one of but a few instances



where that decoration has been bestowed upon a citizen of the United States, it being rarely conferred upon a foreigner."

Cyrus H. McCormick, who has inherited many of his father's qualities of head and heart, is a gentleman whose education and business training

have fitted him to fill the responsible position to which he has been called. Under his management, the great manufacturing industry has developed successfully, and its output of harvesting machines is the largest in the world.

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## ALBERT WINGATE.

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ALBERT WINGATE, one of the highly respected and prominent citizens of Worth Township, was born in Hallowell, Me., June 15, 1817, and is a son of Paine and Mary (Page) Wingate. The family is descended from John Wingate, who was a planter at Hilton's Point, now Dover, N. H., in 1657. He was a native of England, and the founder of the family in America. One of his ancestors was the Sheriff who committed the famous John Bunyan, author of "Pilgrim's Progress," to jail. The name Wingate, according to a popular legend, originated with a powerful warrior, who during the siege of an ancient castle tore its gate from its fastenings and bore it away on his shoulders, thereby allowing his comrades to obtain an entrance. Members of the Wingate family were numerous in many parts of England and Scotland as early as the twelfth century, although the name was spelled in several different ways. They occupied many leading positions, becoming prominent in various walks of life. Descendants of the family were living in Bedfordshire, England, in the early part of the nineteenth century. Descendants of John Wingate still own his original homestead near Dover, N. H. He became one of the principal householders of that place, was a leading and influential citizen, and took an active part in the service during King Philip's War. His second wife, Sarah Wingate, was a daughter of Anthony Taylor, a native of England.

One of their sons, Joshua Wingate, was born in Hampton, N. H., and became Colonel of a regiment of New Hampshire militia. He took a prominent part in the siege of Louisburg in 1745. He wedded Mary Lunt, and his death occurred in 1769, at the advanced age of ninety years. His wife passed away three years later, also at the age of ninety. Their son Paine, the eldest in the family of eleven children, became a Congregational minister, and for sixty years was pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Amesbury, Mass. He wedded Mary Balch, and his death occurred in 1786, aged eighty-three years. His wife also reached that age, passing away in 1789. Joseph, the youngest son of Rev. Paine Wingate, was born in Amesbury, Mass., and about 1800 removed to Hallowell, Me., where he died in 1826, at the age of seventy-five. His wife, Judith, was a daughter of Elder James Carr. By their marriage they became the parents of ten children, of whom the father of the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth. He cleared and developed a farm near Hallowell, where he spent his entire life, being called to the home beyond January 12, 1849, in his sixty-third year.

The gentleman whose name heads this record spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Hallowell, and in 1842 emigrated to Cook County, driving across the country with a team. The journey was accomplished in six weeks, and he settled on a farm on section 28, Worth Township,



but subsequently removed to section 27, where he now resides. For thirty-four years he lived on the first farm, and placed it under a high state of cultivation, making many excellent improvements upon it. He arrived in Cook County four years before the first school districts were organized, and for several years he held the three offices of Township Treasurer, Township Trustee and School Director. He was one of the leading spirits in the development of the educational interests of this locality, and has ever taken a prominent part in promoting those enterprises calculated to advance the general welfare.

Mr. Wingate was married, June 29, 1842, to Rhoda, daughter of Lowell and Lois Mitchell. She was a native of Chesterville, Me., and died May 30, 1864, at the age of forty-five years and two months. Mr. and Mrs. Wingate had a family of five children: Levi Page, who died at the age of four years; Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen; Mary Caroline, wife of J. M. Green,

of Blue Island; Levi Albert, who is engaged with the Plano Manufacturing Company of West Pullman; and Mrs. Martha Alice Trumble, of Worth Township.

Mr. Wingate cast his first Presidential vote for William Henry Harrison, and is a member of the Chicago Tippecanoe Club. On the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks and has since been one of its stalwart supporters. He has also served as Assessor and Highway Commissioner of Worth Township, in connection with the other offices before mentioned. He has never failed to keep an obligation or agreement, and although constantly in debt for thirty-three years, he was never dunned, sued nor refused a loan, a fact which indicates the confidence and trust reposed in his personal integrity. He possesses a remarkable memory, is considered an authority on matters of local history, and his evidence is often required in court, especially on questions pertaining to early surveys and titles to real estate.

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## CHARLES HENRY FELTON.

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**C**HARLES HENRY FELTON, one of the well-known business men of Chicago, now Secretary and Manager of the White Swan Laundry Company (incorporated), was born in Troy, N. Y., February 18, 1840. His ancestors were of English origin, and the founders of the family in America, who came here in 1636, settled and resided in Salem, Mass. His great-grandfather, Capt. Benjamin Felton, took a prominent part in the Revolutionary War. He was a brave and valiant officer, as well as a highly educated man, and at the close of the war he was appointed Professor in a college, which position he held until disqualified by old age. He was a leader in Masonic circles, and was an influential citizen, who was honored with several public positions of trust.

He lived to be eighty years of age, and was the father of ten children.

The grandfather of our subject, Skelton Felton, of Brookfield, Mass., was a lieutenant in the regular army, receiving his commission from President Madison. He served in the War of 1812, and after its close received a pension for gallant services rendered. He was also a Professor in a college of Massachusetts for a time. Later he removed to Troy, N. Y., and died at the age of sixty-five years. His children were Amory, Benjamin, Henry, Lucinda, Sarah and Amanda. Only one is now living, who resides in New York. The mother of this family bore the maiden name of Houghton. Her death occurred in the Empire State at the ripe age of seventy years.

Amory Felton, father of Charles Henry, was a native of Brookfield, Mass., born in 1813. From his father he received an excellent education, and at the age of nineteen years was Principal of Dudley Academy, Brookfield, Mass. Later, he removed to Troy, N. Y., and established the wholesale grocery house of Felton & Mathews. He afterward went into the iron business, purchasing the Empire Stove Works. He was very successful in this enterprise, and left to his family a fortune. In 1863, at the age of fifty-one years, he was called to his final rest. He married Nancy Boynton, a native of the Bay State, and a descendant of Hughes De Boynton, a Norman baron, who went with William the Conqueror into England. The manor and lands granted to DeBoynton by William the Conqueror in 1067, in the old Kingdom of Wessex, are still in possession of the family. Her mother reached the very advanced age of one hundred and one. The children of this marriage are William, Charles, Herbert and Emma Louise. William resides in Troy, N. Y. Herbert is Division Superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and a graduate of the Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N. Y.; and Emma Louise is the wife of F. K. Lyon, of Dunkirk, N. Y. Mrs. Felton is still living, at the age of seventy-eight. She is a remarkable old lady, in perfect health, and in perfect possession of her faculties; her eyesight and hearing are good, and no silver threads are yet seen in her hair. Tall and straight, her step is firm and elastic, and she seems not to have passed the prime of life. She is also a well-informed lady, extensive reading having made her well informed on the questions of the day.

Mr. Felton whose name heads this record was educated in the common schools of Troy, N. Y., and in Bennington Seminary, of Bennington, Vt., from which he was graduated at the age of nineteen. During his school days, he manifested a restless spirit, longing to be a locomotive engineer, and would often run away from school, get aboard a locomotive, and try to run it. On completing his education, he remained at home for a while, and then went to Marion, Ala., where he remained for one year. Later we find him in Selma, Ala., where he obtained employment in a jewelry

store. About a year later, as the War of the Rebellion was approaching, and his sympathies were with the North, his residence in the South became, in consequence, very unpleasant. He therefore decided to come to Chicago, and on his arrival here, he entered the employ of A. H. Miller & Co., the leading jewelry firm of the city at that time. With them he remained until February, 1862, when he enlisted in Battery L, of the Second Illinois Light Artillery, then located at Camp Douglas.

The company was soon ordered to the front, and went to St. Louis, where it received its equipment, and from there was ordered to Pittsburg Landing, to reinforce Gen. Grant, but arrived too late to take part in the great battle which occurred at that place. They were actively engaged in the campaign which soon followed under Gens. Grant and Halleck, when they advanced on Corinth, and in the battles of the Grant campaign, including the battles around Memphis and at Jackson, Tenn., Bolivar and Holly Springs, Miss. After re-organizing at Memphis for the siege of Vicksburg, Mr. Felton's company was sent to Lake Providence, La., and from this point they started on their march through the interior to Grand Gulf, where they crossed the Mississippi River below Vicksburg. Then followed the battles of Raymond, Champion Hills, Big Black River, and the siege of Vicksburg, in which Mr. Felton took part. During the campaign, he received several promotions for gallant services, until he reached the rank of Senior First Lieutenant, and Adjutant of Artillery of the District of Vicksburg, which comprised Vicksburg, Natchez and Milliken's Bend; then followed his promotion as First Assistant Provost-Marshal of the city of Vicksburg. About this time, Mr. Felton was recommended by Gen. Logan, of Illinois, and Gen. M. D. Leggett, of Ohio, for the position of Adjutant of Artillery on Gen. Grant's staff, the place being then vacant; but as the war was now drawing to a close, he decided to resign, but did not do so till all the rebel armies had surrendered, when he returned to Chicago.

On the 25th of September, 1865, in Albany, N. Y., Mr. Felton married Miss Lizzie R. Borthwick,



who had been his playmate in early childhood. She is a daughter of Alexander Hamilton and Rachael (Esmé) Borthwick, the former a leading and successful merchant of Albany. Her grandfather was a grandson of Lord Borthwick, of Grands Hall, Scotland. Her ancestors were Scotch-French, and her maternal grandfather was an officer in the French army and came to America with Gen. La Fayette. Mrs. Felton was born in Albany, N. Y., and there resided until the age of fourteen. The three succeeding years of her life were passed in a college for young ladies in Lyons, Iowa, and after graduating she returned to her native city. Mrs. Felton is a linguist and a vocalist of some note, having studied under the best teachers in America and Europe.

In 1865, soon after Mr. Felton left the army, he re-entered the service of A. H. Miller & Co., with whom he continued until 1870, when he engaged in the railroad business. He was appointed contracting agent of the Empire Freight Line, which was a part of the Pennsylvania system, and to the duties of that position devoted his energies for ten years, when he became general agent of the Merchants' Dispatch Dairy Line (having charge of the territory west of the Mississippi River) of the New York Central System, in which capacity he served for two years.

In 1882 Mr. Felton purchased one of the largest

steam laundries in Chicago, successfully conducting the same until 1884, when, accompanied by Mrs. Felton, he went to Europe and located in London, England. He there embarked in the manufacture of laundry machinery, and did a prosperous business for three years, when he became a financial agent, and dealt in all kinds of American enterprises and investment securities. With this business he was connected for five years, and was again very successful. During this period, in company with his wife, he visited and resided in some of the principal cities of Europe. In 1892, he returned to Chicago, and soon after secured an extensive interest in the White Swan Laundry, one of the largest in the city. This corporation, of which he is now Secretary and Manager, is doing a very prosperous business. Mr. Felton is a very energetic and capable man, yet modest and unassuming, polite and courteous, intelligent and well informed. His views are broad, his understanding having been well developed by travel and experience. He is domestic in his tastes, very fond of music, and an admirer of the opera and art. In religious belief, he is independent, and in his political views is a Republican. He keeps abreast with the times in all things, and is well posted on the leading questions of the day. We predict for him the same success in the future, that has crowned his efforts in the past.

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## CHARLES P. HUEY.

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**C**HARLES P. HUEY, who is successfully engaged in the practice of law in Harvey, receiving a liberal patronage, was born in Cape Town, Cape Colony, October 3, 1849. His father, Robert T. Huey, was born and reared in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he made his home until the age of thirty-five, when he entered the British service and became a soldier in the Colonial

army. He was sent with his command to South Africa, and reached Cape Town about 1838. In that place he was united in marriage with Wilhelmina Thomas. At the close of the war he was discharged from the service and returned to Cape Town, from whence he afterwards removed to Port Elizabeth, on the extreme southern coast of Cape Colony, where with his family he resided



for many years, engaged in trading and in various business pursuits. He finally engaged in merchandising, and in the interests of that business, and partly for recreation, departed for Liverpool in 1860. He took passage on a sailing-vessel, which was never heard from again, and is supposed to have sunk in mid-ocean, not a passenger escaping to tell the tale of the disaster. He left a wife and six children. Anna, the eldest, became the wife of Samuel Slaughter, who is now serving as a County Assessor in southern Utah; Mary is married and resides in northern Montana; Charles is the next younger; Leonard is in the railway service and resides in southern Colorado; Nellie is the wife of Ernest H. Price, of Fresno, Cal.; and Walter resides in the same State.

Charles P. Huey began his education in the private schools of Port Elizabeth, which he attended until nine years of age, after which he spent two years in the Gray Institute, a large and most excellent school. At the age of ten years he began the study of Latin. When a child of eleven summers he accompanied the family to America, locating in Salt Lake City, where he attended St. Mark's Grammar School, an Episcopal institution of learning, for two years. At the age of nineteen he entered a printing-office and worked as a compositor until 1872, becoming an expert printer. He learned so rapidly that in half the usual time he had completed the regular apprenticeship and was made a journeyman. He then, until the fall of 1873, was engaged in the newspaper and publishing business, and during a part of the time assisted John C. Young, a nephew of Brigham Young, in the publication of a local paper, which was opposed to the system of polygamy, and was really the beginning of the great opposition developed in Utah against the system. So bitter was the opposition of the Mormon leaders, that the printing establishment was once broken up by a mob and Mr. Young assaulted.

In the fall of 1873, Mr. Huey became a student in the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, pursuing a two-years course, and graduating with honor in the Class of '75. He at once began practice in Salt Lake City, and

soon acquired prominence in the prosecution of the case of the United States against Rossiter, a prominent Mormon in the employ of Brigham Young, who was bound over under the Poland Law to keep the peace for having threatened with violence John C. Young, the old friend and associate of Mr. Huey, and who was then local editor of the Salt Lake *Tribune*, the leading Gentile paper of the city. The case, under the advice of Mr. Huey, was prosecuted before Mr. Pratt, United States Commissioner, who held the accused under bonds. The prisoner's counsel, one of the leading lawyers of Salt Lake City, and attorney for the Mormon Church, appealed to the United States District Court for discharge, under writ of *habeas corpus*, which, after an able argument by Mr. Huey in opposition to the release, and arguments in its behalf by the prisoner's counsel, was denied by the Chief Justice, and the prisoner remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal. Mr. Huey's maiden speech at the Bar won the first signal victory for the anti-polygamist under the Poland Law and gained him a well-deserved prominence. He continued in practice in Salt Lake City until 1882.

In 1878, Mr. Huey wedded Mary J. McFerren, of Hoopeston, Ill., and in 1882, on account of his wife's health, removed to Hoopeston, where he practiced law for some time, but was mostly engaged in the banking business for six years, in company with his brother-in-law, J. S. McFerren, who is President and chief owner of the First National Bank of Hoopeston. Mr. Huey served as Assistant Cashier until 1889, when he resumed law practice, and also for a year published the Hoopeston *Sentinel*. He also founded and published the Danville *Sentinel*, and in March, 1892, came to Harvey, where for a few months he edited the Harvey *Citizen*. In the same year, however, he retired from the newspaper field, and has since successfully engaged in law practice.

In politics, Mr. Huey is a Republican, but at local elections subordinates party to the best interests of the town, laboring with other prominent citizens for temperance, good government, and the material interests of this thriving suburb. He now holds the office of City Attorney. He is

a member of the Episcopal Church, and an active member of Dirigo Lodge No. 399, K. P., which he represented in the State Grand Lodge at Springfield. He has taken the highest degree in the Odd Fellows' fraternity, and has passed all the chairs in the local lodge. He has only one child,

James J., who is now nine years of age. Mr. Huey is recognized as one of the most prominent and progressive citizens of Harvey, and in the history of his adopted county he well deserves mention.

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## PLEASANT AMICK.

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**P**LEASANT AMICK, a pioneer of northern Illinois, now engaged in the real-estate business in Chicago, has for some years been connected with the business and official interests of this city, and is recognized as one of its representative men. He was born near Diamond Lake, Cass County, Mich., October 14, 1834, and is a son of Jacob and Rachel (Corron) Amick, natives of Virginia. They removed to Cass County, Mich., previous to 1830. The Amick family is of German origin, and the ancestors were among the pioneer settlers of Pennsylvania. Members of the family afterward removed to the Old Dominion, and Jacob Amick was born near the Natural Bridge in Virginia. The Corron family is English, and its founders in America settled in Virginia. The mother of Mrs. Rachel Amick was a daughter of James Pinnell, Jr., who came from Lambeth, London. One of his uncles, Rev. Robert Pinnell, served as rector of a church for more than half a century in one of the parishes near London.

In 1835, Jacob Amick removed with his family to Illinois and located on a farm in Kane County, becoming one of the first settlers of that locality. He was a cooper by trade, and carried on that business in connection with farming. He was the inventor of the grapevine cradle-swath. In 1844, he removed to Chicago, where he engaged in the manufacture of scythes and grain-cradles until

1849, when he went overland to California. There his death occurred, October 25, 1850, at the age of forty-eight years, resulting from an attack of cholera. He was an old-time Abolitionist, being identified with the movement from the beginning, and left Virginia on account of the slavery there tolerated. He was distinguished for his strong convictions and devotion to principle, and had the confidence of all who knew him. He held membership with the Tabernacle Baptist Church, now the Second Baptist Church of Chicago, the house of worship being then located on La Salle, between Washington and Randolph Streets. His wife, who was a member of the same church, passed away in 1878, at the age of seventy-two. Of their children, one died in infancy; Mary Elizabeth became the wife of Alanson Miller, and died of cholera in Chicago in 1852; Martha, deceased, was the wife of Joseph Shaw; Pleasant is the next younger; Hiram, who is now living in California, was a member of the Mercantile Battery of Chicago, and for a number of years was Secretary of the Fire Department of Chicago; Myron J., who for many years was a member of the United States army, and did much scouting duty during the Great Rebellion, now resides in New York City.

The gentleman whose name heads this record was in his tenth year when the family located in Chicago. The house built by his father in 1844 on Curtis Street is still standing. Pleasant Amick,



his wife, and afterward two of their children, attended the Scammon School on Madison Street, the first free-school building in the West Division, of which Prof. A. D. Sturtevant was the Principal, and Pleasant was afterward a pupil in Gleason's Academy. At the age of fifteen he became a clerk in a grocery-store on Clark Street owned by J. B. Doggett, with whom he continued until 1855, when he embarked in business for himself as a member of the firm of Leybourn & Amick, grocers. In 1859, they sold out, and during the war Mr. Amick served as enrolling officer under Col. William James, of Chicago. In 1864, he was elected Tax Collector for the West Division, on the same ticket with Abraham Lincoln, and served two years. In 1866, he embarked in the real-estate business, which he has followed almost continuously since, being considered one of the best judges of real-estate values in the city. During the three succeeding years he served as City Assessor, and in 1880 and 1881 he was Assessor of the Town of West Chicago. For fourteen years

he was in the tax department of the West Division, serving in various capacities.

On the 15th of November, 1854, Mr. Amick was joined in wedlock with Julia S. Bishop, a native of Lewis, Essex County, N. Y., and to them have been born three children: Frank S., a real-estate dealer of Chicago; J. Stella; and Mamie, who died at the age of three and a-half years.

Mr. Amick was reared in the faith of the Baptist Church, but now holds membership with no religious organization. He is a member of Columbian Lodge No. 819, A. F. & A. M., of Lawndale, and in politics he has been a stalwart Republican since the organization of the party. He is a gentleman of genial and pleasant manner, has an extensive acquaintance among the earlier settlers of Chicago, and feels a keen and abiding interest in their early history. His long residence here makes him familiar with much of its development, and in the work of advancement he has ever borne his part.

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## HENRY TURMAN BYFORD, M. D.

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**H**ENRY TURMAN BYFORD, M. D., Professor of Gynecology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, and in the Chicago Post-Graduate Medical School, and of Clinical Gynecology in the Woman's Medical College of Chicago, and ex-President of the Chicago Gynecological Society, is a native of Evansville, Ind., born on the 12th of November, 1853. He is the second and only surviving son of the late Dr. William Heath Byford, of Chicago, and Mary Ann Byford, his wife, the latter a daughter of Hezekiah Holland, a physician of Mt. Vernon, Ind., and sister of a physician, Andrew Holland.

Dr. William H. Byford, the pioneer gynecologist of Chicago, was a man whose intelligence

and culture, extended observation and experience, fitted him to fully appreciate the benefits of education, proper environment and morality upon the young, and took such measures as afforded his sons ample opportunity to enjoy them and to prepare to enter one of the learned professions.

The subject of this sketch obtained in the public schools of Chicago his primary education, and at the age of twelve had completed a large portion of the public-school course. He then accompanied his elder brother to Europe, where he spent four years (1865-1868) in travel and study. At Berlin, he learned French and German, and also took a full regular classical course including Latin and Greek. It would seem that under the



circumstances he would have labored under insurmountable difficulties in competition with the pupils of native birth, but at graduation he took prizes in divinity and also in German composition.

Upon his return to the United States, Dr. Byford matriculated in the University of Chicago, where he contemplated taking higher honors in the classics; but discovering a preference for the sciences, he entered the scientific department of Williston Seminary in East Hampton, Mass., from which he was graduated in the year 1870. Entering the Chicago Medical College, he took a three-years course, which he completed in 1873, graduating as valedictorian of his class. It is a matter worthy of remark that the college records show that he was marked one hundred per cent. in all branches of medicine taught, except diseases of the eye and ear, which at that time did not receive so much attention as at the present date. During his second year he attended the lectures and demonstrations given to the senior class, and at the end of the year passed a successful examination in all branches and fairly won the position of *interne* in Mercy Hospital.

The serious illness of his brother in Louisiana requiring Dr. Byford's presence there, interrupted his hospital course, and prevented his delivering the valedictory address to his class at graduation. Although absent from the commencement exercises, his extraordinary proficiency and exceptional standing were distinctly recognized by the faculty, which granted him his degree of Doctor of Medicine without examination, a very unusual act, but one which the circumstances of the case fully justified. One condition was attached to the granting of the degree, and that was that the young graduate, then hardly twenty years of age, should not enter the active practice of medicine until he had attained his majority. This was done out of regard for the ethics of the profession, which does not encourage the practice of medicine by minors, however proficient.

The interim between graduation and the attainment of his majority was spent by Dr. Byford in attendance upon his brother in Colorado, where he had the satisfaction of seeing him recover. Declining his father's proffered partnership, the young

physician thought it best to begin professional life independently, and associated himself with his college friend, Dr. J. A. St. John, opening an office in one of the less fashionable districts of the city. The brilliant promise of future success which had appeared in the student was fully realized in the practitioner. He was energetic, competent, popular, and successful from the first. In 1879, he visited Europe a second time, and for a year and a-half devoted his time about equally to study in the hospitals and travel for pleasure.

On his return to Chicago, Dr. Byford associated himself with his father, and directed his attention principally to obstetrics and the diseases of women and children, working steadily toward his life object—the diseases of women and abdominal surgery. Although busy with his private practice he has not spent his whole time therein. He has been Curator in the museum of the Chicago Medical College, lecturer on diseases of children in the Chicago Medical College, and lecturer on obstetrics in Rush Medical College. These positions, however, were relinquished on account of their requiring time that he could not spare from his favorite study and specialty. In December, 1888, he received the appointment to the chair of Gynecology in the Chicago Post-Graduate Medical School, of which he is one of the founders; and the following year he was chosen Professor of Clinical Gynecology in the Woman's Medical College, and upon the death of A. Reeves Jackson, in 1892, was elected Professor of Gynecology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago. He has also been Gynecologist to St. Luke's Hospital for several years past and surgeon to the Woman's Hospital. He is a member of the American Medical Association, Illinois State Medical Association, of the American Gynecological Society, of the Chicago Medical Society, the Chicago Gynecological Society (of which he was President in 1887), of the Chicago Academy of Medicine, and the Chicago Medico-Legal Society.

Dr. Byford is known throughout the United States as one of the most original and progressive men in his specialties, and has originated a number of operations which have been approved and adopted by medical practitioners generally.

Among these are inguinal suspension of the bladder, shortening of the sacro-uterine ligaments, bilateral anterior elytrorrhaphy, subcutaneous perineal tenotomy and the vaginal fixation and vaginal drainage of the stump in abdominal hysterectomy. Not only surgical operations, but also surgical instruments, have been the objects of Dr. Byford's study, and of these latter he has originated many new forms of greater utility than their predecessors that are in daily use and called by his name. As a clinical and didactic lecturer he has been very successful, and as a writer on medical topics is able and voluminous. He was one of the editors of "Byford's Diseases of Women," a treatise originally by his father, one of the authors of the

"American Text Book of Gynecology," and also of "A Treatise on Diseases of Women, by Eminent American Teachers."

While in Paris, Dr. Byford was a student at the school of Julian, where he studied drawing of the human figure. From other artists of Europe he learned landscape-painting from nature, and now seeks recreation in the study of art and the treasures of literature.

On the 9th of November, 1882, Dr. Byford married Mrs. Lucy L. Richard, a daughter of Frederick Larned, who was a near relative of N. P. Willis. They have four children, Genevieve, Mary, Heath Turman and William Holland.

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## REV. JOSIAH AUGUSTUS MACK.

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REV. JOSIAH AUGUSTUS MACK, General Secretary and Manager of the Chicago Bible Society, was born in Gilead, Tolland, County, Conn., on the 4th of July, 1828, and is a son of Ela Augustus and Esther (Cone) Mack, who were also natives of Gilead, and came of old New England families. The father was adopted in his infancy by a man bearing the name of Mack, which became his surname, although his own father was named Gillette. The father of Mrs. Esther Mack, John Cone, was killed, during her childhood, by the accidental explosion of a cannon on one of the training days of the Connecticut militia. E. A. Mack served as Captain of a company of militia, and made farming his occupation through life. He died at the age of forty-six years, and his wife passed away in Chicago at the advanced age of eighty-seven. They came to Illinois in 1836, and the journey by way of the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes covered a period of six weeks. The family settled on a claim near the Fox River, in Kane County, after-

ward purchasing the land of the United States Government, and for several years they lived the typical frontier life. Later they removed to Batavia, Ill.

Josiah A. Mack acquired his early education in the district schools, then the only educational institutions. Afterward he attended a boarding-school in Batavia for several terms. At the age of eighteen he began clerking in a general store in Batavia, and three years later entered into partnership with his uncle in the same business. After two years he yielded to the desire for Christian work and became agent for the American Bible Society, and in that capacity labored in northern Illinois for three years. This occupation gave him experience and training for public speaking and determined him to enter the Christian ministry. A college course being out of the question, he took up the study of theology with Dr. William E. Merriman, who afterward became President of Ripon College, at Ripon, Wis.

After studying for one year, Mr. Mack was



licensed to preach by the Elgin Association of Congregational Churches, and in 1839 he accepted his first pastorate at Udina, Ill., where he was ordained by a special council, Rev. N. C. Clark preaching the sermon. He was later called to Plainfield, where he labored with growing success for four years. When the war broke out he took an active interest in organizing troops for the service, and during the struggle was sent to Helena, Ark., as a representative of the Christian Commission. There he engaged in Christian work among the soldiers and colored people. He spent some further time in the South for the benefit of his health, which had broken down under his labors at Peoria, in the First Congregational Church of that city. He held pastorates also at Moline and other points in Illinois, and in 1876 was called to his native town in Connecticut, where he served as pastor of the church for over six years.

In 1883 Rev. Mr. Mack returned to Illinois and became General Secretary and Agent for the Chicago Bible Society, in which service he continues. Under his management the receipts of the society have increased from \$2,000 to \$14,000 per annum. In 1889 the society was reorganized and special provision made for a Bible-work department, in which fifteen to twenty young women have been

employed, and the force is increased as fast as means justify. This work is undenominational, and the society is supported by benevolent contributions. It has been in existence for over fifty years, and is managed on the broad basis of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Mr. Mack was united in marriage in 1850 with Eliza Sophia Towne, a native of Troy, N. Y., and a daughter of Deacon Silvanus Towne, of Batavia, Ill. To them were born six children who grew to maturity. Emily Eliza, wife of George C. Clark, of Peoria, Ill.; Charles Augustus, pastor of the Congregational Church at Rantoul, Ill.; Mary L., wife of Charles Alden Smith, Principal of the preparatory school at Lake Forest University; William Howard, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Fannie Cone and Rose C.

Mr. Mack has always taken an intelligent interest in political and other public interests, though he is not a partisan politician. Growing up among the people, and earnestly sympathizing with whatever makes for good government and mutual confidence, he has cast his vote and given his influence in ways promotive of these ends. His good judgment and conscientious labors have been of inestimable value to the cause with which he is identified, while his genial, pleasant manner has won him many warm personal friends.

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## REUBEN LUDLAM, M. D.

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**R**EUBEN LUDLAM, M. D., one of the foremost physicians, surgeons and medical writers in the Northwest, was born in Camden, N. J., on the 7th of October, 1831. His parents, natives of New Jersey, were descended from early Colonial immigrants. His father, Dr. Jacob W. Ludlam, an eminent physician, spent his earlier years in the East, but removed with his family to Illinois in 1856, and died in Evanston

in 1858, after a long life spent in alleviating the sufferings of humanity. His widow, Mrs. Mary Ludlam, now eighty-six years of age, still resides in Evanston.

Reuben Ludlam's inherited tendencies and early training led him to follow in the professional footsteps of his father. In his childhood he was accustomed to accompany his father in his daily round of visits, and took great interest in the cases

he saw. His studious habits and thoughtful nature caused his rapid advancement at school, and at the age of nineteen he was graduated from the old academy at Bridgeton, N. J., with the highest honors of his class. At the age of sixteen he began the study of medicine in his father's office, and when qualified matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania (where his father had received his medical education), finished the curriculum, and was graduated therein in 1852. He had spent six years in preparation for the practice of his chosen profession.

Soon after receiving his diploma, Dr. Ludlam came to Chicago. He was a young man fresh from the influences of the regular or allopathic school of teachers, but he did not allow his training or environment to overbalance his judgment, and after weighing the doctrines of Hahnemann, the great founder of homeopathy, with care and conscientious attention, he decided they were largely true and should be adopted. To renounce the teachings of those he had learned to respect for their great knowledge of the healing art was a matter that required a great effort, but, his mind once made up, he was equal to the effort, embraced the new theory of medicine and became a practitioner of the new school. In 1859, the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago was organized, and he was chosen to fill the chair of physiology, pathology and clinical medicine therein. On account of the high degree of skill he showed in those branches, he was transferred, four years later, to the chair of obstetrics and the diseases of women and children. He was made Professor of the Medical and Surgical Diseases of Women a few years later, and elected Dean of the college faculty. In each of these capacities he rendered inestimable service, and his cheerful and attentive manner endeared him to all who came within the circle of his acquaintance. For twenty-five years he was Dean of the faculty, and resigned that place to become President of the college and hospital in 1891, which office he still holds.

From the first Dr. Ludlam gave very close attention to gynecology, and after exhausting the opportunities of this country he made four medi-

cal journeys to Europe, where he spent some years in hard study and painstaking labor in order to make himself complete master of the subject. As might be expected from the man and from the effort, his success was abundant and almost beyond belief. In the department of uterine surgery, his services in difficult operations are constantly in demand throughout the Northwest, and as a consulting authority his ability is recognized wherever he is known.

Dr. Ludlam was chosen President of the American Institute of Homeopathy, the oldest National Medical Society in America, in 1869, and presided over its deliberations at Boston, and delivered the annual oration, entitled "The Relation of Woman to Homeopathy." He was also elected President of the Chicago Academy of Medicine, of the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Society, and the Western Institute of Homeopathy. In 1870, he was offered, but declined, the position of Physician in Chief of the Woman's Homeopathic Infirmary of New York City, and that of Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children in the New York Homeopathic Medical College.

The confusion and almost total disorganization of mercantile and social functions that succeeded the great fire of 1871, made it necessary to organize a Relief and Aid Society for attending the sick and homeless, who otherwise would have been left to suffer, and in many cases to die, for want of medical attention. Dr. Ludlam was one of the physicians who with tireless generosity devoted their best efforts toward the relief of suffering without pay or hope of reward. In 1877 the State Board of Health was organized, and Gov. Cullom, recognizing Dr. Ludlam's fitness for the place, appointed him a member of the Board. He was twice re-appointed and his service extended over a period of fifteen consecutive years.

Although Dr. Ludlam is so well known as a physician and surgeon, it seems probable that he is best known, to the reading and professional world at least, as a writer. For six years, beginning in 1860, he was editorially connected with the *North American Journal of Homeopathy*, published in New York, and for nine years with the *United States Medical and Surgical Journal*, pub-



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STEPHEN D. JONES.



lished in Chicago. Since 1879, he has been editor of the *Clinique*, a monthly abstract of the work of the Clinical Society and the Hahnemann Hospital. His paper entitled "Clinical Observations Based on Five Hundred Abdominal Sections," was one the most important contributions to this paper. In 1871 his great work entitled "Clinical and Didactic Lectures on Diseases of Women" was published, and is now in its seventeenth edition. It is an octavo of over one thousand pages, employed as a text-book in all homeopathic colleges, and is an acknowledged authority among homeopathic physicians both in America and Europe. This work has been translated into French, and has equally as high a standing among the physicians of continental Europe as among the English-speaking medical practitioners. In 1863, Dr. Ludlam brought out a volume entitled "A Course of Clinical Lectures on Diphtheria," which was the first work of a purely medical character ever published in Chicago and the Northwest. In 1880,

in return for the compliment paid him by the translation of one of his volumes into French, Dr. Ludlam rendered into English a valuable work by Dr. Jousset, of Paris, entitled "A Volume of Lectures on Clinical Medicine."

Dr. Ludlam has been twice married. His first wife was Anna M. Porter, of Greenwich, N. J., who died three years after her marriage. His second wife was Harriet G. Parvin. They have one son, Dr. Reuben Ludlam, Jr., a young man of ability, whose education and habits have enabled him to be of assistance to his father in the performance of his multifarious labors, as well as to establish for himself an enviable reputation as a practitioner. Dr. Ludlam is an untiring worker, an enthusiastic student and an accomplished linguist. He is social and a very entertaining conversationalist, whose fund of humor and anecdote enriches his instructive familiar discourse. As a writer he is forceful, graceful and lucid, and as a physician he stands in the front rank.

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## STEPHEN DECATUR JONES.

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STEPHEN DECATUR JONES, a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of Cook County, now resides in Blue Island, where he is engaged in business as a dealer in confectionery, stationery, etc. This is the place of his nativity, for his birth here occurred on the 23d of October, 1846. His parents were Stephen and Martha (Crandall) Jones. His father, who was a native of Broome County, N. Y., born November 5, 1806, died in Blue Island, June 14, 1851. His ancestors were early settlers of the Empire State, and took part in the War of the Revolution. Mrs. Jones was born in Westford, Chittenden County, Vt., on the 1st of November, 1808, and died in Blue Island on the 5th of Au-

gust, 1890. Stephen Jones came to Blue Island in 1836, being one of three who in that year located there. He opened a wagon-shop, and carried on that line of business most of the time until his death. His wife came to Cook County in 1836, and the following year they were married. Three children of the six who were born of their union survived the period of infancy: Eda Ann, who was the first white child born in the village which is now her home; Stephen D. of this sketch; and Alice A., now the wife of C. A. Roberts, of Pasadena, Cal. The mother was one of the original members of the Universalist Church of Blue Island, and in many other ways the family was connected with the early history of this community.

The gentleman whose name heads this record was reared and educated in his native town, and at the early age of sixteen years started out in life for himself. He began to earn his livelihood by working at the carpenter's trade, which he followed in this locality until 1868, when he went to Brushton, Franklin County, N. Y., where he engaged in farming. In 1872, he returned to Blue Island, and followed his trade until 1880, when he embarked in his present line of business. He earnestly desires to please his customers, and his courteous treatment and straightforward dealing have won him the confidence and respect of all.

On the 12th of September, 1871, Mr. Jones was joined in wedlock with Miss Martha Slate, daughter of Charles P. and Ann (McElwain) Slate, of Bangor, N. Y. The lady, who was born in Ft. Covington, N. Y., April 24, 1849, was a member of the Universalist Church, and died in Blue Island,

December 17, 1893, at the age of forty-four years. In the family were five children, but two died in infancy. Those still living are Emma Alice, Asa Charles and Martha Lillian.

Mr. Jones was one of the original members of the Universalist Church of Blue Island, and has ever identified himself with those interests calculated to improve the community and promote the general welfare. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of the Maccabees. In politics, he was formerly a supporter of the Republican party, but now affiliates with the Democracy. For two terms he served as Clerk of Worth Township. He is a man of upright character, of a pleasant and accommodating spirit and manner, and has the high regard of all who know him. He can recall many interesting reminiscences of the early days in Blue Island, and may well be numbered among her pioneer settlers.

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## JOSHUA PALMER YOUNG.

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**J**OSHUA PALMER YOUNG, an honored pioneer of Chicago and Blue Island, was born in Brockport, Monroe County, N. Y., on the 18th of March, 1818, and is a son of Eli M. and Temperance (Palmer) Young. Their family numbered four children: Eli, a resident farmer of Brockport, N. Y.; William, who died in Morganville, N. Y.; Joshua P. of this sketch; and Reuben, who died in Williamston, Mich. The father of this family was killed by a falling tree, when Joshua was about six years old, and his wife died several years later.

Soon after the father's death the family became scattered. Joshua was adopted by a Mr. Staples, a farmer residing near Brockport, who treated him kindly and gave him fair educational advantages. When he had attained his majority he

began life for himself as clerk in a store in his native town, and later engaged in teaching school.

On the 15th of January, 1845, Mr. Young was united in marriage with Miss Louisa J. Spencer, daughter of Oliver and Electa Spencer, of Sweden, N. Y. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch and the grandfather of Mrs. Young were Revolutionary soldiers, and were quartered at New London, Conn., at the time that place was sacked by Gen. Arnold; but having been sent out on an expedition some distance from the town, they escaped capture. The young couple began their domestic life upon a farm near Sweden, N. Y., where they resided until 1848, which year witnessed their removal westward. Taking up their residence in Chicago, Mr. Young here embarked in business. He built the first house on the West



Side, south of Polk Street, and in 1856 he purchased eighty acres of land, comprising a part of the present site of Blue Island, which tract lay between Western and Maple Avenues, and included the most valuable portions of the present village, extending from Vermont to Burr Oak Streets. During the next four years he made his home thereon, devoting his time and attention to the improvement of his purchase, after which he returned to Chicago and engaged in the produce commission business at Market and Lake Streets, being thus employed until after the death of his wife.

Mrs. Young passed away in Chicago in October, 1863. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and was highly esteemed for her many excellencies of character. She left two children, and one had died in infancy. The surviving sons, Charles S. and Frank O., are both prominent residents of Blue Island.

On the 7th of February, 1866, Mr. Young was again married, his second union being with Minerva P., daughter of Sweet and Eliza Brayton, of Blue Island. The lady was born in Marion, Wayne County, N. Y., and still resides in Blue Island. She has one son, Chauncey Brayton Young.

In 1866, Joshua P. Young returned to Blue Island, erected a fine residence and began dealing

in real estate in Chicago, handling both city and suburban property. In company with John K. Rowley, he laid out the south part of Englewood, between Sixty-third and Sixty-eighth Streets, and subsequently they platted the town of South Lawn, now Harvey. Mr. Young continued to engage in the real-estate business until his death, which occurred on the 26th of May, 1889. From the age of sixteen years he was identified with the Congregational Church. In Blue Island he organized the society, and contributed liberally toward the erection of the house of worship. He served as Deacon of that church until called to the home beyond, and was ever one of its most faithful members. He cast his first Presidential vote for William Henry Harrison, and his last vote for Benjamin Harrison. He was a member of the Tippecanoe Club, and filled several local offices, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He was a man of unquestioned integrity and lofty, noble-minded principles. He was not partisan or sectarian, but advocated human rights in politics, righteousness and temperance in society, and Christianity in the church. He was ever progressive, and gave much thought to social and theological questions, though constantly engaged in active business. The influence of his exemplary life will be long felt wherever he was known.

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## HENRY HART MASSEY.

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**H**ENRY HART MASSEY, one of the pioneers of northern Illinois, now living in Blue Island, has since an early day witnessed the growth and development of this part of the State, and has borne his part in its progress and advancement. A native of New York, he was born

in Watertown, February 25, 1828, and is a son of Hart and Nancy (Matteson) Massey. His mother, who was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church and an earnest Christian lady, died in Watertown October 11, 1845, at the age of thirty-nine. The father afterward married

Emeline Utley, and about 1855 removed to Jacksonville, Ill., where he engaged in the lumber business for a few years. He then came to Blue Island and carried on a fire and life insurance agency. He, too, was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a highly respected citizen. His death occurred on the 31st of January, 1882, at the ripe old age of seventy-nine.

To Hart and Nancy Massey were born eight children: Harriet Amelia, who died December 14, 1846; Henry H. of this sketch; Julia Jane, who became the wife of A. B. Safford, of Cairo, Ill., and died January 31, 1862; Heman Whelpley, who died in Santa Rosa, Cal., November 25, 1891; James Bates, who is living in Oakland, Cal.; Emily Elizabeth, who died in Blue Island, April 18, 1894; Ann Eliza, widow of A. H. Irvin, and a resident of Blue Island; and Charles M., who died in Blue Island, August 15, 1864.

The children of the second marriage are: Ella Amelia, wife of Rev. Samuel F. Dickenson, now of Grand Junction, Colo.; and Harriet Holmes, wife of George T. Hughes, of Downer's Grove, Ill. The mother died in Blue Island April 20, 1876.

H. H. Massey of this sketch was reared to manhood on his father's farm, and in 1847 removed to Joliet, Ill., where he was employed as clerk in a general store for two years. He then went to Chicago and secured a position in the dry-goods store of O. Sherman & Co., at No. 104 Lake Street, then one of the leading dry-goods establishments of the city. Nearly all of the business was done on Lake Street, while the present commercial center of the city was a residence district. In the fall of 1851, Mr. Massey went to Blue Island as clerk for the contractor who graded the Rock Island Railroad. The following year he became Treasurer of the southern division of the Illinois Central Railroad, with headquarters at Jonesboro, until the road was completed to Centralia, when his office was removed thither. He also acted as pay-master between Wapello and Cairo, Ill., until 1855, when he resigned and returned to Blue Island. Soon after he bought an interest in a general merchandise store, and carried on business along that line for twelve years.

Mr. Massey has since been prominently identified with the business of this locality. In 1868 he engaged in the grain and commission business on the Chicago Board of Trade, with which he was connected until 1871. From that time until 1876 he dealt in real estate in the city and in Blue Island, after which he was appointed Cashier in the County Recorder's office, and served for five years. During the succeeding year he was employed in the real-estate department of the Chicago & Western Indiana Railroad Company, and was then in the grain commission business until 1892, when he retired to private life. He now occupies his time and attention with improving his grounds and looking after his real-estate interests in Blue Island. He has added a number of subdivisions to the village at various times.

On the 4th of August, 1853, in Blue Island, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Massey and Miss Clarissa C. Rexford, daughter of Norman Rexford. They have become the parents of five children: Willie R., who died at the age of six years; Mary S., now the wife of Charles R. Clark, of Chicago; Julia R., wife of W. N. Rudd, of Blue Island; Harry A.; and Fred F., who is now a clerk in the Continental National Bank of Chicago.

The members of the family are all communicants of the Universalist Church of Blue Island, and Mr. Massey has served as one of its Trustees and as Treasurer during the greater part of the time since its organization. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is Treasurer of the Illinois Universalist State Convention, of which organization he was a charter member. In politics, he is a stalwart Republican, and never fails to vote in support of the men and measures of his party, although he has never sought office for himself. With the educational interests of the community he has long been identified, serving as School Treasurer of Worth Township for twenty years. He has also been Notary Public since 1856. He takes a commendable interest in all questions of public concern, and is one of the most esteemed citizens of Blue Island. Mr. Massey remembers when there was only one house at Washington Heights and one at Auburn Park.



## ORRINGTON LUNT.

ORRINGTON LUNT is one of the founders of Evanston, and of the Northwestern University, and has been one of the important factors in the upbuilding of Chicago. In the days of the infancy of the city, he cast in his lot with its settlers, and his interests have since been connected with theirs. Many monuments to his handiwork still stand, and the history of Cook County would be an incomplete volume without the record of his life. He was born December 24, 1815, in Bowdoinham, Me. His father, William Lunt, was a leading merchant of that place, and represented his district in the State Legislature. He was a direct descendant of Henry Lunt, of Newburyport, Mass., who emigrated to the United States from England in 1635. The mother of our subject died when he was ten years old, and his father afterwards married again. He lived to a ripe old age, and both he and his second wife died December 31, 1863.

Mr. Lunt of this sketch attended the public and private schools of his native town, and in his fourteenth year entered his father's store, serving as clerk until he attained his majority, when he was admitted to partnership. They safely passed through the financial panic of 1837, for their business had been prudently managed, and they could thus meet the crisis. Soon after, the father retired, and a partnership was formed between Orrington and his brother W. H. They did a good business, and besides dealing in dry goods traded largely and shipped hay and produce to the South. In 1842, Mr. Lunt sold out, preparatory to moving westward. He believed that better advantages were furnished by the new and rapidly growing West, and the then young town of Chicago attracted him. He left home on the 1st of November, and on the 11th reached his destination. This western town had then not a single railroad, and its business at that time was very slack, not

much being done through the winter season. Mr. Lunt hoped for better opportunities in the spring, but his wife's health at that time forced him to return to Maine. The many discouragements which he met disheartened him, but he would not give up, and in the latter part of July we again find him in Chicago. He had no capital, but was furnished with letters of recommendation from leading merchants in the East. He began business as a commission merchant, and soon had built up a flourishing trade. In the summer of 1844 he began dealing in grain, and in the following winter packed pork to a limited extent. Both of these ventures proved profitable, and he then leased one hundred feet of ground on the river front for ten years, erecting thereon a grain house. With the growth of the city his business increased, and in those early days he made one sale of fifty thousand bushels, which was considered a large transaction. He had now made about \$10,000, but trade the following spring proved disastrous, and he lost all he had. He never shipped grain East, Chicago being his only market, and through the experience gained by his losses he became a prudent and careful business man. He has been a member of the Board of Trade since the beginning, but the business done there in early years was little, as the organization had to struggle for existence for some time, notwithstanding a lunch of crackers and cheese served as an attraction. In 1853 he abandoned the grain trade, and retired for a time from commercial life.

Mr. Lunt has been connected to a considerable extent with official positions. He was first called to office when in his twenty-second year, being elected Clerk and Treasurer of his town, and also appointed Justice of the Peace. In 1855 he was elected to the office of Water Commissioner for three years for the south division of the city.

On the expiration of his first term he was re-elected, and during the last three years he served as Treasurer and President of the Board. At the end of the six years the city departments were consolidated in the Board of Public Works. He was made a Director of the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad in 1855, and continued as such until the consolidation of the road with the Northwestern. For several years he was one of the Auditors of the Board of Directors, and his time was largely given to the business of the office. During his last two years with the road he served as its Vice-President. In 1877 Mr. Lunt was elected by the lot owners of Rose Hill Cemetery Company as one of the three trustees for the care of the lot owners' fund. He was President of the Board, and for the last few years its Treasurer. It has been well managed, and a fund of \$100,000 collected and now in their hands has been invested in Cook County and city bonds.

Mr. Lunt had previously leased his warehouse, but the parties failed after the panic of 1857, and he took possession of it in 1859. Forming a partnership with his brother, S. P. Lunt, they used the warehouse as a canal elevator, and did a large business, sometimes handling three and a-half million bushels annually. Impaired health, however, forced him to abandon the grain trade in 1862, and in 1865 he started for the Old World with his family, spending two years abroad, during which time he visited many of the famous cities of Europe and Asia.

Mr. Lunt was united in marriage, on the 16th of January, 1842, to Cornelia A. Gray. Her father, Hon. Samuel Gray, was a prominent attorney of Bowdoinham, his native town, and was Representative, Senator and a member of the Governor's Council of the State. He was also prominent in commercial circles. Four children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Lunt, three sons and a daughter, but one son died in infancy. Horace, who graduated from Harvard University, is a leading attorney; and George is a sturdy business man. Cornelia G., the accomplished daughter, seems to have inherited her father's philanthropic nature, and takes a most active part in charitable and benevolent work.

During the late war the Union found in Mr. Lunt a faithful friend. He was a member of the Committee of Safety and War Finance, appointed at the first meeting, which convened April 13, 1861. The Sunday after the fall of Sumter he spent in raising supplies and in preparing the first regiment to start from this city to Cairo. His labors in behalf of the army and the Union then continued until victory perched on the banners of the North. Four years after the commencement of the struggle he had the pleasure of being present when the Old Flag was again flung to the breeze from the battlements of the fort, attending the Grand Review of the victorious army, and visiting the principal cities of the late Confederacy.

When about twenty years of age, Mr. Lunt joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his name is inseparably connected with the history of its growth in this locality. For about twenty years he was Trustee of the Clark Street Methodist Church, and during much of that time was Secretary of the Board. He bought several lots on the corner of State and Harrison Streets in 1848, and five years later sold them on three years' time to the church at cost price. That ground was afterwards exchanged for the site of the Wabash Avenue Methodist Church, to which he transferred his membership in 1858. He has always given most liberally for the erection of church edifices, both of his own and other denominations in the city, and struggling churches in the West. Of the Clark Seminary at Aurora, he was one of the first Trustees. This was built by a private company, but subsequently turned over to the church without compensation. He was one of the charter members, and has been Secretary, Treasurer and General Business Agent of the Garrett Biblical Institute from its organization in 1853. In company with a few others, he procured the charter for and incorporated the Northwestern University of Evanston. The committee was appointed to secure a site. They wished to get land on the lake front, but could find none which they thought near enough to the city, and were almost closing a deal for property in Jefferson. Through the instrumentality of



Mr. Lunt, however, who, in riding one day, visited the present site of Evanston, the business was deferred, and his judgment led to the selection of the spot where now stands the University. To this institution he has contributed in time, energy and money, and while he was in Europe the board set aside land, now valued at \$100,000, which he had given, as the Orrington Lunt Library Fund. Desirous, also, to render possible the erection of a suitable library building, he has given \$50,000 toward the one now in process of completion. This splendid building is of Bedford stone, beautiful in style, graceful and enduring. The finest structure on the campus, it is a fitting memorial of the man whose name it perpetuates in the letters carved upon its noble entrance: THE ORRINGTON LUNT LIBRARY. He has always been on the executive committee of the school, and has been largely instrumental in the success of the institution. He was early connected with the Chicago Orphan Asylum, and raised nearly \$20,000 to complete the edifice, while a member of the building committee in the summer of 1854.

The Chicago fire consumed the home of Mr. Lunt and all of the buildings from which he derived an income. The winter following he served on the Special Fire Relief Committee. Many Methodist Churches and the Garrett Biblical Institute also suffered great losses, and a committee to devise means for their relief was appointed by the Rock River Conference. Arrangements were made to solicit funds, and Mr. Lunt became Sec-

retary and Treasurer. For eighteen months he was actively engaged in the disbursement and collection of the money raised, about \$150,000. By this means he was enabled to rebuild the Garrett building, the structure being finer than the former one. When he could find time for his own work he built the fine banking-house occupied by Preston, Kean & Co. He has truly borne his part in the upbuilding of Chicago.

On the 16th of January, 1842, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lunt, and a half-century later was celebrated their golden wedding. Two hundred friends met to extend to this worthy couple their congratulations for the happy years that had passed, to review the lives so well spent, and to wish them the return of many more such pleasant occasions. The co-workers of Mr. Lunt in church, in business and in his university labors all bore their testimony, not only to his pleasant companionship, but to his honorable, upright life and exemplary character. Many beautiful gifts attested the esteem and love of guests, which could not be expressed in words alone. Although Mr. Lunt has led a very prominent life, he is yet retiring and very unassuming in manner. He has followed the Golden Rule, has walked in the light as he saw it, has been unwearied in well-doing, and when he shall have been called to the home beyond he will leave to his family what Solomon says is better than great riches, "a good name."

## MATERNUS SCHAEFER.

**M**ATERNUS SCHAEFER, a retired farmer residing in Gross Point, has, as the result of his enterprise and industry in former years, acquired a competency that now enables him to lay aside business cares. He claims Prussia as the land of his birth, which occurred on the 26th of August, 1833. He is the eldest in the family of thirteen children born to Peter and

Lena (Bleser) Schaefer. In 1843 the parents bade adieu to the Fatherland, and, having crossed the briny deep to the New World, took up their residence in New Trier Township, Cook County, where they continued to make their home until called to their final rest. The father died June 12, 1894, in his ninetieth year, and his wife passed away in 1891, at the age of seventy-nine. They

were well-known and highly-respected people, and further mention of them and their children is made in connection with the sketch of John Schaefer, on another page of this work.

The gentleman of whom we write became familiar with farming in all its details at an early age. He was married on the 26th of August, 1854, to Miss Mary Schaefer, daughter of John Schaefer, a tanner. She was born in Prussia, November 4, 1835, and died May 21, 1891, the last of her family to pass away. Fourteen children were born of this union, seven sons and seven daughters, of whom two sons and six daughters are yet living, namely: Katrina, who was born March 4, 1856, and is the wife of Louis A. Brucks, a real-estate dealer and insurance agent of Englewood; Christina, who was born December 19, 1857, and is the wife of Mathias Wagner, a carpenter and contractor of Englewood; Anna Maria, who was born March 26, 1861, and is the wife of Gerhard Steffens, a liquor dealer of Gross Point; Peter Joseph, who was born December 29, 1862, and is a contractor and builder of Wilmette; Frank, who was born October 18, 1864, and follows farming at Gross Point; Helena, who was born February 21, 1867, and is the wife of Peter

Sesterhenn, an agriculturist of the same locality. Margarite, born November 24, 1868, wife of Max Engels, who is engaged in the beer-bottling business at Gross Point; and Eva, who was born November 13, 1870, and is the wife of William Werner, a teamster of Chicago.

Mr. Schaefer and his family are Catholics in religious faith, belonging to St. Joseph's Church in Gross Point. He cast his first Presidential vote for Buchanan, then supported Lincoln, and has since been a staunch Republican. He has filled the offices of Town Collector, was President of the Village Board for thirteen years, and has been School Director for a quarter of a century. He is a member of St. Joseph's Library and Sick Benefit Association, and is a loyal citizen, devoted to the best interests of the community. He now owns thirty-five acres of valuable land on section 33, New Trier Township, besides a number of residences in Wilmette. He is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family, and is a highly-respected citizen, whose excellencies of character have gained for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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## GEORGE WEIMER.

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**G**EORGE WEIMER is one among the representative citizens of Lemont. He was born in Nassau, Germany, on the 23d of September, 1835, and is a son of John and Margaret (Weis) Weimer. The father was a blacksmith, and died when George was only five years old. Three years later, Mrs. Weimer became the wife of John Noll.

Our subject was the third in a family of four

children, two sons and two daughters. At the age of five years, he began to attend the public schools, and finished the course at the age of twelve. During the next two years he attended the high school and also took lessons as a private student, acquiring a good practical education. In 1853, he left Germany for the United States, and landed at New York on the 23d of August of that year. In New York City and Raritan, New Jer-



sey, during the succeeding two years, he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, after which he started westward, arriving in Chicago August 23, 1855. There he learned carpentering and made the city his home until the latter part of 1857, a portion of the time being engaged as a carpenter and builder. In November of that year he went to Europe and returned with his parents and their family the following spring. They settled near Downer's Grove, Du Page County, and Mr. Weimer resided in Chicago, where he did business as a contractor. He erected many buildings in various parts of Cook County. In 1860, he came to Lemont.

On the 23d of June, 1861, Mr. Weimer and Miss Elizabeth C. Hein were united in marriage in this place. The lady is a native of the same town as her husband and came to America with her parents in 1856.

After two or three years' residence in Lemont, Mr. Weimer removed to Chicago, where he was engaged in merchandising until 1865, at which time he went to New Buffalo, Michigan, and carried on contracting and building, erecting more than a hundred buildings during his stay there. For years he devoted his time and attention to merchandising, and also held the offices of Assessor and Supervisor from 1867 until 1877. For ten years he was also Justice of the Peace. In 1877, he returned to Lemont, where he has since resided. For a short time, in company with his brother, Andrew Weimer, he conducted a wagon and blacksmith shop, but during the greater part of the time he has been a contractor and builder. In 1879, he was elected Justice of the Peace, and held that office for four years. In 1893, he was again elected to that position, and is kept busy during the greater part of the time in the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Weimer have become the parents of seven children, namely: George A.; Rosa, wife of Peter Meilinger, of Chicago; Mary Ann, Joseph M., Maria Elizabeth, Frank Joseph and Benjamin Franklin.

George A. Weimer, of Lemont, is a son of George and Elizabeth C. Weimer, whose sketch is

given above. He was born at this place on the 5th of June, 1862, and obtained a good education in the schools of the town, where he spent his early life, attending until nineteen years of age. In 1882, he began to learn the drug business, and continued in that line until May, 1893, becoming in the mean time a very proficient pharmacist. His first employer was G. A. Bodenschatz, with whom he remained six years, when J. G. Bodenschatz succeeded to the business, and Mr. Weimer spent the remaining years in his employ. His genial disposition and good character made him a favorite with Lemont people, and when but twenty-one years of age, he was elected to office, and from that time to the present he has filled some public position. In 1883, he was elected Town Clerk and filled that office until 1888, when he was appointed City Clerk, thus serving until the next election, when he was elected. In discharging the duties of that position his time was passed until April, 1893, he being annually re-elected. At the last-mentioned date, he was elected Township Supervisor, and was again the people's choice in 1894. In 1893, he was appointed to a place in the County Treasurer's office, which he held until February, 1894, when he was made deputy in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Cook County, in which capacity he is now serving. In the fall of the present year (1894) he was nominated by the Democracy as the candidate of that party for State Senator from the Seventh Senatorial District.

On the 22d of October, 1883, Mr. Weimer was joined in wedlock with Miss Lizzie V. Hettinger, daughter of George Hettinger, who came to Lemont about 1863. He was a member of the first volunteer fire company of Chicago. To them four children, two sons and two daughters, were born, all of whom died of diphtheria in less than two weeks' time, in May, 1893. The death of his children destroyed Mr. Weimer's faith in the efficacy of medicines and caused him to abandon pharmacy. He is an ardent and influential supporter of Democracy and a member of several fraternal societies.

## WILLIAM S. WHITE, M. D.

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**W**ILLIAM SEYMOUR WHITE, M. D., is a native of Greenwood, McHenry County, Illinois, and was born on the 30th of December, 1864. The records show, and the Doctor modestly admits, that he is descended on the maternal side from Francis Capet (Coquilette), the Huguenot half-brother of Louis XIV., King of France, who, on account of the persecutions to which that sect was subjected, fled to America, and, changing his name to Coquilette, became the progenitor of a numerous family in Westchester County, New York, and later removed with his family to Rockland County, New York. His descendant, William Coquilette, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, died in Rockland County, New York, at an early age. Maria (Garrison) Coquilette, his wife, died at the age of eighty-eight years. Peter Cook, Dr. White's maternal grandfather, a native of New York and a descendant of the Knickerbockers, married Eletta, daughter of William and Maria Coquilette.

Capt. William White, the paternal grandfather of Dr. White, was born in the city of Gottenburg, Sweden, in 1813, and at an early age became a sailor. In his voyages, Capt. White carried troops to Mexico while the United States was at war with that country, transported the first shipload of stone for the construction of Ft. Moultrie, and twice circumnavigated the globe. His wife, who still survives him, was Mary Ehrhardt, of Philadelphia.

William R. White, the father of the subject of this sketch, and the son of Capt. William and Mary White, was born in New York City, in 1841, and has been engaged in mercantile pursuits all his life. He married Emily A. Cook, daughter of Peter and Eletta Cook, two children,

William S. and Wilomene T., being the result of this union.

William S. White came to Chicago with his parents in 1865. He received his education in the public schools of Chicago. His first work was in the grocery store of John A. Tolman & Co., where he remained a year. He later entered the employ of D. S. Munger & Co. as office boy, and in three years worked his way upward to the position of cashier. In 1884 he entered the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College. At that time the course required only two years, but he attended three years, and during the season of 1886-87 demonstrated anatomy to the class of which he was a member, and also a part of that time to the senior class. He graduated in 1888. Following his graduation, he was successful in winning honors in a competitive examination, and during the years 1888 and 1889 was *interne* in the Cook County Hospital for eighteen months. Subsequently he was called to Rochester, New York, where he opened and put in practical operation the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital, commonly known as the Monroe Avenue Hospital.

Returning to Chicago, Dr. White entered into the general practice of medicine and dermatology, in which he has since been engaged, with office at No. 70 State Street. In the fall of 1889 he received the appointment of Demonstrator of Anatomy in the Chicago Homeopathic College. In 1890 he was made clinical assistant in the department of dermatology, and in 1893 was appointed Adjunct Professor of Physiology in the same institution. In January, 1893, he received the appointment of Dermatologist in the homeopathic department of the Cook County Hospital, and still fills all of these positions. He is a member



of the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Association and of the American Institute of Homeopathy. He holds membership in two fraternal organizations, being medical examiner in the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

On the 5th of October, 1892, Dr. White was united in marriage with Miss Isabelle Stone, of Charlotte, Vermont, daughter of Luther D. and Phoebe (Rogers) Stone.

To judge the future from the past, it is not difficult to predict for Dr. White success in a much

greater measure than usually falls to the lot of the medical practitioner. His mind is active, his memory retentive, his habits studious, his comprehension of the science of medicine rapid, intuitive and thorough. His manner is easy, affable and vivacious, with a dash of bonhomie, which, no doubt, is inherited from his Gallic ancestors. It is not too much to say that mental attrition with Dr. White would brighten many pretentious members of the medical profession.

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## JEROME BEECHER.

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JEROME BEECHER, among the early, substantial and most exemplary citizens of Chicago, was a scion of old and well-known New England stock. His father, Mather Beecher was one of the pioneers of Central New York, going thither from New Haven, Connecticut. He was a tanner by occupation, and gave to his family the training which has developed so much of thrift, enterprise and morality among the sons of New England, and has made an indelible impression upon the religious, educational and mercantile conditions of the United States, and particularly the northern half of the country. Wherever a leaven of Yankee blood is found in a community, there are sure to be found churches, schools, factories and sound business men, Chicago was especially fortunate in that the major portion of her pioneers came from the land of industrious habits and careful economy, and to this cause alone may be attributed her wonderful progress in business supremacy, as well as in social and moral culture.

Jerome Beecher was born in the town of Remsen, Oneida County, New York, January 4, 1818. His first implement for self-help was the intellect-

ual training afforded by the village school, and he was early made familiar with the occupation of his father, mastering all that pertained to the manufacture of leather and its uses. His natural sagacity and shrewdness, with these helps, enabled him to conduct the large business which he built up in later years, and to manage intricate financial trusts which were placed in his care.

The year 1838 found him in Chicago, whither his father sent him to look after a stock of leather, boots, shoes and findings which had been entrusted to an incompetent or unfaithful agent. He managed this undertaking with such success and found such glowing prospects in the young city that he decided to remain here and engage in business permanently. At that time the center of business clustered about the corner of Lake and LaSalle streets, and his pioneer store was among those forming the group. He shortly set up a tannery, which was destroyed by fire about 1858. During these years, he had grown in wealth with the rapid growth of the city and surrounding country, his industry and integrity bringing him a large trade, which he retained until he decided to retire and give attention to his invest-

ments. His accumulations had been invested in land and improved real estate. With other careful investments, these had grown in value beyond his fondest anticipations, and he found himself while yet in vigorous middle life a man of independent means, and at the time of his demise, after more than half a century's residence here, his estate had become very valuable.

He became interested in the gas business as early as 1850, and was made a director in the Chicago Gas Light & Coke Company. He was interested in the Merchants' Savings, Loan & Trust Company, and was one of the purchasers of the Chicago West Division Railroad, of which he was many years a director, in 1863. A recent writer says: "Among the enterprises of his earlier years, for which he should be remembered with grateful regard by those who survive, was his connection as trustee and treasurer with the Graceland Cemetery Improvement Company, in whose peaceful grounds so many once active in the brisk life of Chicago have found their last resting place."

Mr. Beecher had in his youth attended the worship of the Unitarian society near his home in New York, and he adhered to the faith which he there imbibed throughout his long and useful life. The First Unitarian Society of Chicago was a feeble band, in the third year of its existence, when he came to Chicago, and to his zealous aid much of its subsequent strength is due. At his decease, after completing more than the allotted years of the scripture, the church prepared and had engraved a most beautiful and touching memorial, which was presented to his widow. He was a member of the Calumet Club, whose meetings of old settlers in annual reunion gave him great pleasure. The Old Settlers' Association embraced most of his business and social companions, and he was prominent in its conduct. Mr. Beecher always endeavored to fulfill the duties of citizenship, but was conspicuous in politics only once in his life. This was in the memorable campaign of 1840, when the Democratic party was overthrown and William Henry Harrison, the Whig candidate, elected to the Presidency. Mr. Beecher was a delegate in the

convention which nominated Harrison, and took part in the political meetings held in a log cabin on the north side, near Rush Street bridge.

In his business relations, Mr. Beecher was a man of unspotted integrity, careful and quiet in action, and reticent in speaking of himself or his affairs. One of his favorite methods of benevolent action was the assistance of some worthy man in starting in business, realizing that the truest way to help others is to teach and aid them to help themselves. He loved to gather children and young people about him, and a number were taken into his family and educated. He was especially fond of music, and to his own family connections and friends he was ever generous. His style of living was unostentatious, and his habits were simple and domestic. In bearing, he was affable and considerate, and he always spoke charitably of men, making it a rule never to speak ill of any person.

Four years after his arrival in Chicago, Mr. Beecher took a helpmeet in the person of Miss Mary Warren, daughter of Daniel Warren, whose biography will be found on another page of this book, and she proved in every way a companion to him. Mrs. Beecher's twin sister married Silas B. Cobb, another pioneer leather merchant (see sketch in this work). The sisters so closely resembled each other as to be often mistaken, one for the other.

The first housekeeping experience of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher was in a modest rented house at the corner of Lake Street and Michigan Avenue, and they afterwards built a home on Michigan Avenue. The advance of business drove them to several removals until the family homestead at No. 241 Michigan Avenue was constructed. This is one of two or three which escaped the flames in the great fire of 1871, and is almost the sole representative on the lake front of "old Chicago." Here they dwelt for more than thirty years, and here Mrs. Beecher continues to reside. She is greatly interested in benevolent work, and has been active in promoting several of the most important charities of the city, regarding a fortune as a blessing only in the proportion it is devoted to doing good.



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MRS. CHRISTOPH BECK

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## CHRISTOPH BECK.

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**C**HRISTOPH BECK. In this enlightened age, when men of energy, industry and merit are rapidly pushing themselves to the front, those who have won favor and fortune may properly claim recognition. Years ago, when the West was entering upon its era of growth and development and Chicago was laying the foundation for future prosperity, there came thither from all parts of the world, men poor but honest, and with their sturdy independence and a determination to succeed that justly entitles them to a place in the history of Chicago. Among the names of those who came here empty-handed, and have through their ability and perseverance overcome obstacles and earned for themselves honor, esteem and wealth, that of Christoph Beck is worthy of a conspicuous place.

He was born in Koerner, near Muehlhausen, Saxon-Gotha, Germany, May 1, 1832. His parents were Christoph and Anna Eliza Beck. His father died when Mr. Beck of this sketch was a small boy, and the mother in the Fatherland many years ago.

After attending the parish school until he had reached the age of fourteen years, young Beck entered into an apprenticeship at the butcher's trade, remaining at this occupation until the date of his emigration from his native land. In March 1852, he sailed from Bremen harbor, and ten weeks later landed in Baltimore. He came direct to Detroit, Michigan, where he worked at his trade a few months and then came to Chicago. The three succeeding years after his arrival he was employed by C. B. Albee, in the old State Street market. Ambitious to achieve greater fi-

nancial success than he could hope to obtain as an employe, he engaged in business on his own account, and in a short time found himself in the enjoyment of a profitable trade. Under his judicious management the business prospered, and he widened his operations until he became proprietor of a large butchering and wholesale business, at that time one of the foremost in the city. For about a year he was engaged in shipping cattle to eastern markets, and for about five years, during the Civil war, he was associated in business with Nelson Morris, the present wealthy packer of Chicago. In 1872, having reached the goal of his ambition, he gave up business and has since lived in retirement. On the 6th of June, 1856, he married Miss Louise Arnhold, a most estimable woman, who has proved a true and faithful helpmate. The following year he purchased property on Fry Street and built a residence at No. 157, which has been their home since.

Mrs. Beck was born in Grossberndten, near the city of Nordhausen, Harz Mountain. She is a daughter of Henry Christian and Justina Arnhold, who came from Germany and arrived in Chicago September 17, 1853. They had six children, all of whom are living at this writing, namely: Louise, Mrs. Beck; Johanna, wife of Carl Hoffmeyer, of Kansas; Augusta, wife of Frederick Bergman, of Chicago; Charles; Ferdinand; and Frederica, now Mrs. Fred. Knoff, of Lake County, Illinois. The father died in Chicago, November 27, 1890, and the mother November 29, 1892.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck have two sons: Louis, who learned the trade with his father, and Christoph,

who has been several years in the employ of the United States Express Company. Both enjoyed good educational advantages and are useful and respected members of society in their native city.

While Mr. Beck has always felt a just pride in his adopted country and home city, he has never been a politician in any sense, but has faithfully discharged the duties of citizenship by casting his vote for the man he thought most capable of filling the position.

When he and his good wife located at their present place of residence over forty years ago, there were but a few settlers in that locality, the country around being mostly an unbroken prairie. They have seen marvelous transformations in their day, and yet retain sufficient vigor of body and mind to interest themselves in the busy life that surges around them, and enjoy the good things with which Providence has crowned their lives of industry and probity.

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## GEORGE DERKES.

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GEORGE DERKES has been a resident of Chicago since 1855, and has lived at his present residence since 1856. He was born in Gercom, Holland, July 1, 1828. His parents died when he was a small boy and he lived for a short time with an aunt, until her death, and was then placed in an orphan asylum. He had no opportunity to acquire an education in schools, and the hard school of experience had to be his vehicle for obtaining knowledge.

At the age of thirteen years he came to America, sailing from Rotterdam and landing at New York. Ever since that early age he has been self-supporting and is strictly a self made man. The man who brought him to America brought him as far west as Michigan and there he worked in a saw mill for a time, later finding employment in a tannery. In the following summer he worked on the lakes as a sailor, and the next year was a fireman on the old propeller "Oregon."

He entered the services of a carpenter in Buffalo, New York, and remained thus occupied two years, becoming quite thorough in the trade. He then worked his passage from Buffalo to Chicago, after which he went down to the old canal on the scow "Walker," to Peoria. From there he worked his passage on a steamboat to

St. Louis. While there he had a hard experience, as he was attacked with fever and ague and became very poor in flesh as well as in purse. He next engaged with a man by the name of John Smith to chop cord wood on Coon Creek, in Illinois, and worked in the summer of that year. In the fall he returned to St. Louis and entered the services of William Crood, on Washington Street, whom he served three years as carpenter. He subsequently went to Memphis, Tennessee, and worked at his trade in various places, finally reaching New Orleans in 1851. In that city, February 16, 1853, he married Sophia Munstermann, a native of Hanover, Germany. She came to America in June, 1852.

On the outbreak of the yellow fever that spring, he left, with his young wife, and went to Louisville, Kentucky. They remained in that city until 1855, and arrived in Chicago March 1 of that year. He immediately became occupied at carpenter work and purchased property on Chicago Avenue, where Milwaukee Avenue crosses. At that time this locality was all in prairie and used for farming purposes. He erected a residence on this lot, and has since made it his home, a period of forty-three years having elapsed since that time.



In the fall of 1859 times were dull in Chicago and wages low, and Mr. Derkes was in debt. He went to New Orleans and during the winter earned nearly four hundred dollars. He came back to Chicago in the spring and paid his indebtedness. In the fall of 1860, taking his wife with him, he went back to New Orleans. Owing to the trouble growing out of the secession and the early approach of the rebellion, he was obliged to leave the South and in February, 1861, returned to Chicago.

In 1863 he started a flour and feed store at what is now No. 439 Milwaukee Avenue. He built the second house in the block. The flour and feed business not being very profitable, he abandoned that and resumed his trade, and began working for the Chicago & North-Western Railroad Company in its shops, which were then located where the viaduct is now, on Halstead

Street. He later entered the employ of G. K. Russell, at the corner of Clinton and Fulton Streets, in a sash, door and blind factory. In 1870 he opened a grocery store on Milwaukee Avenue, and continued about twelve years, doing a profitable business. He invested his savings in real estate and has become wealthy.

He has been living in comparative retirement for several years, devoting his time to taking care of his large property interests. He never held nor sought public office of any kind. He deserves much credit for his success, as he was thrown on his own resources when but a mere child. He is a charter member of Goethe Lodge No. 329, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has no children and is not connected with any church, though an honorable, upright character, and using his influence at all times for the benefit of mankind.

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## FREDERICK D. HESS.

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**F**REDERICK DAVID HESS, one of the prominent citizens and property owners of the portion of Chicago where he resides, is also a business man of great ability, and successful in proportion to his energies and ambitions. He was born October 17, 1841, and is a son of Frederick David and Nannie (Rippman) Hess, who resided in Wettenburg, Germany, at the time of his birth.

Frederick David Hess reached Chicago November 29, 1865, and immediately occupied himself at teaming until 1874. He conducted the business with teams of his own part of the time. In 1874 he established a catering enterprise at the northwest corner of Sixty-fourth and State Streets, and was located there until 1867. He then purchased property at the southwest corner of the same streets, and built a store, where he con-

ducted a similar business. When, in 1890, Mr. Hess looked over his accounts, he found himself \$20,000 the better for his financial transactions. He erected another building at No. 119 West Sixty-fifth Street, in 1888, and shortly after another building at Nos. 6319-21 Halsted Street, which he used for business and residence purposes. He next placed a building at No. 115 West Sixty-fifth Street, to which he moved his home.

October 17, 1892, Mr. Hess began the erection of a fine, substantial building at the southwest corner of Sixty-fifth and State Streets, which was finished in May, 1893. It has one hundred feet of frontage and contains twenty-one flats and five stores. The building is one of prominence, is eighty feet deep, and a credit to the neighborhood and the city of Chicago. It is brick, with stone



frontage on two numbers of each street. Mr. Hess has thus been active in doing his share of the upbuilding of the better part of Chicago.

He was married in 1874, but was blessed with no children. He is independent in political views,

and votes in favor of the man, rather than the party. He has been active in making improvements in Chicago and has erected five buildings, including the largest and one of the finest structures in Englewood.

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## MAX L. FRANKENSTEIN.

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**M**AX L. FRANKENSTEIN, deceased, whose active career of nearly half a century was divided between Europe and America, was a member of a prominent and scholarly family of Germany. He was born in Olbernhau, Saxony, May 22, 1849, and was the second of the four children of Dr. Conrad C. and Julia S. (Fleischer) Frankenstein. Conrad C. Frankenstein was a prominent physician of Olbernhau, where he died at the advance age of ninety-six years. His children all showed marked ability. Adolph, the oldest, gained prominence as a civil engineer; Ameal, the third, left the Fatherland and became a well-known banker in Brussels; and the youngest, Clara Sudoria, became the wife of Professor Paul Wolf of Germany.

Max L. Frankenstein, with whose life this article is most concerned, laid the foundation of his subsequent scientific attainments in the schools of his native place, and at the age of eighteen began an apprenticeship of three years with a druggist. He was then employed for some time at his chosen calling, and later served one year in the army of the Emperor.

Moved by a desire to know more of the world and to find a wider field of usefulness, Mr. Frankenstein left the home of his youth in 1875 and came to the United States. After spending a short time in Florida he continued his journey to Chicago, where he was not long in making his ability known. For four years he was head clerk in the pharmacy of C. C. Clacius & Company, where his services were entirely satisfactory to

his employers. But as his thirst for knowledge was not satisfied and as he realized that his labors would have a greater value to mankind if his studies were continued, he decided to take a course of study in pharmacy. With this in view he returned to Germany in 1879 and entered Leipsic University, from which he was graduated two years later with high honors. He then continued his studies for seven months at Wiesbaden, taking as a specialty analytic chemistry. In October, 1881, he accepted a position as manager of a large prescription drug store in Hamburg, where he remained until 1885. In August of that year he severed his business connections in Germany and again turned his face toward America.

In June, 1886, he opened a drug store in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This venture proved so successful that the business was continued until 1894. With that strange unrest peculiar to men of scientific attainments, the subject of this sketch decided to continue his research, and at the same time to increase the value of his services to mankind by pursuing a course of study at Rush Medical College. He entered that institution in 1894, but was prevented from realizing his laudable ambition by his untimely death, October 1, 1898.

Aside from his scientific nature, Mr. Frankenstein possessed social qualities of no mean order. He was a genial conversationalist, speaking fluently in five languages, and generous almost to a fault. His skill as an entertainer was greatly in-

creased by his rare musical genius and his friends often called upon him to play the piano, on which instrument he was a fine performer. He sought to cherish the welfare of his family with a jealous care, and with them his happiest hours were spent.

Fraternally he was connected with the Royal Arcanum, and with the Masonic order, both in Germany and America.

Max L. Frankenstein was married October 4, 1887, to Bessie, daughter of James and Hattie (Shaw) Wilmont. James Wilmont was born in London, England, whence he emigrated about 1840 to Toronto, Canada, where he spent his remaining years, dying at the age of seventy-six. He was a typical English gentleman of the old school and was loved and respected by all who knew him. Mrs. Wilmont was born in Toronto, where she died aged forty-six years. Of the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmont the only one living is Mrs. Frankenstein, who was born in Toronto September 9, 1859, and educated in her native city. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frankenstein who will greatly miss the kindly care and guidance which their father was so well fitted to give. Their names, with date of birth of each, are as follows: Beatrice, September 9, 1889; and Virginia, October 29, 1891.

Mrs. Frankenstein was previously married to the Honorable J. K. Fairman, who was born in Elmira, New York January 3, 1849. He was a man of considerable reputation as an editor, being connected with the *Elmira Advertiser*, and took an active part in state politics. At one time he was Clerk of the Assembly at Albany. He was a thirty-second degree Mason. He died in Chicago August 14, 1885, and was interred in Woodlawn Cemetery at Elmira, New York. His father, Charles G. Fairman, was forty-five years a journalist and became known throughout the country. He was founder, and for many years editor, of the *Elmira Advertiser* and was prominent in public affairs. He was at one time in charge of the insurance department of the state administration at Albany. He was a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was advanced to the head of the order in the state, occupying the exalted position of Grand Master in 1878-79. He was born at Lewiston, Niagara County, New York, and died at Elmira, same State, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Fairman were the parents of one child, Edith, born January 24, 1881, at Elmira, New York, who now resides with her mother.

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## JOSEPH HERMANN.

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JOSEPH HERMANN has been identified with the business interests of Chicago forty-five years, and is an honored representative of the German-American population who have contributed so largely to the successful upbuilding of the city. He was born in Cologne, Germany, February 17, 1830, and is a son of Charles and Katherine Hermann, both natives of Cologne. After acquiring a good education in the parish school of his native village, Joseph Hermann

learned the trade of butcher with his father, and continued to follow that occupation while he remained in the Fatherland.

In September, 1853, Mr. Hermann decided to seek his fortune in the New World, and bade adieu to home and friends. He sailed from Antwerp and, after an uneventful voyage of fifty-four days, landed in New York. He remained there about three months, working at his trade, and then came to Chicago, arriving early in



1854. For two years he worked at his trade as a journeyman and, with his savings earned in that way, embarked in business for himself by opening a meat market on Milwaukee Avenue. Later he established a slaughter house near a small hamlet then known as Holstein. That part of the city, now densely populated, was then an open prairie and considered quite a long distance from the city.

He was not long in building up a profitable trade, which he successfully carried on several years. While the Civil War was in progress, he was engaged for a time in shipping cattle to Allegheny and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which proved a profitable industry. About 1864 he started a meat market on the southwest corner of Noble and Cornell Streets, when that part of the city contained but a few scattering houses, where he did a large trade until 1876, when he rented his store and retired from business. In 1880 he resumed business at the old stand, but six months later was succeeded by his sons, who bought him out. Since then, Mr. Hermann has lived in retirement.

During the years of his active life he won success. By making wise investments in real estate he has become the possessor of much valuable property, and is numbered among the wealthy men of the northwestern part of the city. In 1889 he built his pleasant and commodious residence at No. 414

North Robey Street, where he is spending the evening of his life in contentment, enjoying the fruits of an industrious and well-ordered career.

Mr. Hermann has never aspired to public office of any kind, but has supported the Democratic party ever since he became an American citizen. He has always evinced a progressive spirit by his willingness to assist in the promotion of all measures for the benefit of his home city.

On the 11th of March, 1857, he married Miss Dora Goppelsroeder, who was born in Baden, Germany. They were the parents of a large family, only four of whom are now living: Dora, wife of Christian Klingel; William, Christ and Mary, the last-named of whom brightens the home of her father with her cheerful presence. Mrs. Hermann passed to her reward June 29, 1897. She died as she had lived, in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. Hermann and the other members of the family belong to St. Boniface Roman Catholic Church.

In 1858 Mr. Hermann generously assisted his parents and the remainder of the family to emigrate to the United States. Of the five children born to Charles and Katherine Hermann two are deceased, and those living are: Joseph, whose name introduces this article; Anton; and Sophia, wife of Siep Dornbos. The father died in Chicago many years ago, and the mother July 7, 1898, at the age of ninety-three years.

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## GEORGE NEHER.

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**G**EORGE NEHER, JUNIOR, a prominent business man of Lyons, was born in Riverside, Cook County, Illinois, June 15, 1861, and is a son of George Neher, senior, and Elizabeth (Mitsch) Neher, natives of Germany, who are further mentioned on another page of this work.

George Neher, the man whose name heads this article, was reared on a farm and received a common-school education. In the spring of the year 1883, he left the farm and was employed in the office of Dr. Congdon for a period of one year. In the spring of 1884 Mr. Neher embarked in the drug business, in which he has successfully



continued since that time. From a small beginning he has made many improvements, and his business has become the principal one of its kind in Lyons and one of the finest in the country. Since 1883 Mr. Neher has carried the mail between Riverside and Lyons, which is, in itself, a great responsibility.

He was married November 24, 1886, to Fannie, daughter of John and Eva Caccer, a native of England. During her infancy Mr. Caccer died, and the mother afterward married Philip Zacher. The family then removed to Hamburg, Germany. At the age of sixteen years Miss

Caccer returned to England, and four years later came to Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Neher have three children, Agnes, Henry and George. Mr. Neher and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and are influential and charitable adherents of this organization. Mr. Neher is one of the enterprising business men of Lyons, and is progressive in all his ideas. He has never sought public office, but is staunch in upholding, by voice and vote, the principles of the Republican party. He is well known and respected by his fellow-citizens, and his social relations are the best.

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## JACOB F. LEONHARDT.

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JACOB FREDERICK LEONHARDT was born in Baden, Germany, January 1, 1831, a son of John and Elizabeth Leonhardt, both of whom died in Germany. John Leonhardt was a manufacturer of wine. He was the father of seven children, only two of whom came to America, the subject of this notice and Christ, of No. 202 Canalport Avenue, Chicago.

Jacob F. Leonhardt received a good education in his native land, after which he learned the trade of shoemaker. In 1853 he came to the United States and came directly to Chicago, where he had some acquaintances. He possessed limited means, but had a good trade and was willing and ready to apply himself in achieving success. He was occupied at his trade in the interests of others for a few years, and subsequently began business on his own account, by opening a shoe store on the corner of Van Buren and Franklin Streets.

He continued in business several years. About 1869 he moved to Harrison Street, near Fifth Avenue, where he was burned out in the fire of 1871, losing nearly all he had accumulated. A

few months after the fire he started the same business on Sherman Street, and continued in trade until about 1885, when, owing to failing health, he retired from active business, having accumulated a fair share of this world's goods.

Mr. Leonhardt was a substantial, loyal citizen, who did all in his power to promote the best interests of the city. He was a member of the old Volunteer Fire Company several years. In social organizations he took an active interest. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Druids and the sons of Herman. The death of this beloved and honored man occurred May 25, 1891. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church and long attended St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church while it was in charge of Dr. Hartman, and contributed to its support with great liberality. He was a man of generous impulses and exercised true charity with a kind and unselfish hand.

Never a politician in any sense of the word, he usually gave his support to the Republican party. April 10, 1856, he married Miss Dorothy Fredericka Kludas, daughter of John and Marie

Elizabeth Kludas. Mrs. Leonhardt came to Chicago in 1854, with her brothers Frederick, who now cultivates a farm in Iowa, and William, who follows the same occupation in Kansas. The following year her parents came, and with them their son Joseph, who lives in Chicago. The mother died here in 1876, and the father, January 1, 1880.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonhardt had four children, but the eldest died at two years of age. Frederick is a telegraph operator; William is city salesman for the Chicago Coffin Company; and Minnie, the only daughter, is the youngest. All reside at home with their mother. The family is one of eminent respectability, and the members have a large circle of friends.

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## CHARLES W. FREDERICKS.

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**C**HARLES WILLIAM FREDERICKS, a prominent painter contractor, was born in Warren, Ohio, July 13, 1856, a son of Joseph and Hannah (Nagle) Fredericks, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. The paternal grandfather of the man whose name heads this article, John Fredericks, was a native of Germany, and was a pioneer of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Joseph Fredericks was a farmer and now resides in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Charles W. Fredericks was reared in the town of Sharon, from two years of age, and was educated in the common schools of that place, also taking two years at Hiram College. At the age of seventeen years he began life for himself, traveling about the country. He learned the painter's trade at the Buckeye Reaper Works, in Canton and Akron, Ohio, and afterward became a finisher in the Jewett & Goodman Organ Factory at Cleveland, Ohio. He then settled at Grand Crossing, Cook County, Illinois, where he lived four years, during which time he was employed by the Pullman Car Company, and the Petzeke Cabinet Works as a finisher. After spending a month on the lakes, for his health, he went to Castleton, Dakota, where he purchased a farm of forty acres.

Mr. Fredericks shortly after located in Rock-

ford, Illinois, where he spent one winter and afterwards was employed as journeyman painter, in Lyons, three or four years. In 1889 he embarked in business as a contractor, the firm name being Wool & Fredericks. This partnership continued one year, after which Mr. Fredericks purchased the interest of his partner and has since continued the business alone, and added paper-hanging, calcimining, glazing and cornice painting to the enterprise. He has all the energy and force of character which is found in the German descendant, and has been very successful.

December 11, 1892, Mr. Fredericks was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Mitsch) Neher, of Lyons Township, and their only son is named Lawrence Joseph. A biography of Mrs. Fredericks' father appears on another page of this volume.

Mr. Fredericks is a highly respected citizen of Lyons and is a staunch and valued advocate of the interests of the Republican party. For a number of years he has been known as an expert workman. He is a charter member of the Eureka Gun Club of Lyons, and has won a number of medals at the contests in which that organization has taken part. He makes occasional trips to the principal duck shooting resorts of Indiana and Illinois for sport and recreation.



## MICHAEL KOENIG.

MICHAEL KOENIG, who is now living retired on North Robey Street, was born in Baden, Germany, December 4, 1838, and is a son of Adam Koenig. His mother died when he was five years old, and he was reared on a farm until about fifteen years of age, when his father died, leaving him an orphan. From that time he was forced to support himself and it was a sad beginning for a young man, without father or mother to guide him. He had attended the parish school and acquired a fair education.

March 10, 1856, he left the Fatherland and went to Liverpool and from there took a sailing vessel bound for New York. After a stormy and tedious voyage he landed in New York May 1, of that year. He located in Syracuse, where his step-sister was residing, and worked a short time for a butcher, and a few months in the salt works in that vicinity. He came West to Chicago in the fall, arriving September 15. During the first winter here he was employed by an acquaintance that he had made while living in Germany, receiving three dollars per month.

The following spring he went to Du Page County and worked on a farm nearly two years. He returned to Chicago and, not being too proud to take up any honest employment he was able to obtain, was in service as a laborer for a short time. He was enabled to purchase a horse and dray and did expressing for Rundel Brothers one year, when he sold it and continued in the employ of this concern thirteen years, which shows as well as anything could in his history, that he

is possessed of great strength of character and integrity. He subsequently returned to the occupation of teaming, and when Rundel Brothers started a planing mill, he continued in their employ until the fire of 1871.

After this destructive calamity he was an employe of Miller & Decker, who laid out the section known as Lawndale, and drove the first load of lumber to that suburb. He was then living in the depot. Subsequently entering the service of the Blatz Brewing Company, he was induced to enter the catering business and opened a saloon on Blue Island Avenue, between Sixteenth and Eighteenth Streets. After two years he removed to Milwaukee Avenue and Rucker Street (now Center Avenue), and continued the business four years. He then conducted a like business at the corner of Madison and Dearborn Streets, later removing to Fifth Avenue and Randolph Street, in the basement of the old Metropolitan Hotel, and remained ten years at this location, prospering rapidly, and has been able to live in retirement since.

In 1885 he purchased property on West Chicago Avenue, for twelve thousand dollars, which he later disposed of. He now owns Nos. 404 and 406 North Robey Street, a three story brick house on Potomac Avenue and No. 659 North Western Avenue. He has ever taken a lively interest in politics, and supports the Republican party. He has been prominent and influential with that party, having stood by it since he became a voter, and often attending city and



county conventions. He organized the first Republican club in the old Fourteenth Ward, and is a member of the Bavarian Society.

Mr. Koenig was married in 1858 to Miss Theresa Edbauer, a native of Bavaria. They had five children, three of whom are deceased. Those living are: Mary, wife of Charles Thompson, residing on the corner of Noble and Cornelia Streets; and Rosa, wife of Edward Robinson, who is located at the corner of Talman Av-

enue and Bloomingdale Road. The mother died February 1, 1892, mourned greatly by her family and many friends. The members of the family are connected with St. Boniface's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Koenig were married in this church and celebrated their silver wedding in Aurora Turner Hall.

In 1892 Mr. Koenig visited the land of his birth and spent two months in the Fatherland, visiting the principal cities of Germany.

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## BERNHARDT SINK.

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**B**ERNHARDT SINK, who is one of the retired business men of Chicago, is a true son of a race noted for sturdiness of character and energetic pursuit of purpose. Born August 20, 1832, in Baden, Germany, Bernhardt Sink is the only son of Andrew and Francisca (Doll) Sink. His only sister was named Clarice.

Mr. and Mrs. Sink died when their son was a small boy, and he was reared by his aunt, Theresa Beck, who married Stephen Brust. Before he was twenty years old he decided to come to America, and arrived in New York February 24, 1852. He was in the State of Michigan five months and was employed in a sawmill at Escanaba; he came to Chicago in 1857, and was sixteen years in the service of P. L. Hathaway, who has to this day a coal yard. Mr. Sink then decided to change his occupation and purchased three hundred acres of land in Buffalo County, Wisconsin, which he cultivated twelve years.

He then removed to Winona, Minnesota, where he carried on a boarding-house one year. From that time until 1895 he was hostler for the Chicago City Railway Company. At this date he retired from active life, and is enjoying the fruits of his labor of many years. He has resided at No. 5834 Dearborn Street for the past five years.

Mr. Sink was married, April 27, 1857, to a very worthy woman, who became a helpmate to him and an aid to his success in all things. She was Margaret Weiss, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Havener) Weiss, and was born March 15, 1840, in Prussia. Her father was born March 15, 1811, and died February 24, 1892.

With his wife and children William Weiss came to America and retired from active life. He was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters. His wife was seventy years of age when she died in the fall of the year 1885. Their children were eight in number, brief mention of each of whom is here made: Elizabeth married Clemens Till, and resides at No. 3238 Leavitt Street; Mrs. Sink is next in order of birth; Peter resides on Twenty-fourth Street, near Wentworth Avenue, and is employed as a private watchman; Minnie married John Steffens, and resides at No. 6432 Rhodes Avenue, her husband being now retired; Joanna married Peter Konzen, a sawyer, and resides at No. 5458 Dearborn Street; Katrina married Nicholas Paullery, and resides on Twenty-fourth Place, near Wentworth Avenue; Mary married Paul Kirtz, a watchman, and resides at No. 4828 Atlantic Street; William is next in order of birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Sink have a very harmonious fireside, and have been blessed with nine children. One son, William, was born January 29, 1859, married Addie Rieck, and is residing at Waukesha, Wisconsin. Christian is mentioned on another page in this volume. Christina, born December 13, 1863, married John Huebsch, and resides at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Mr. Huebsch is one of the firm of Huebsch Brothers, laundry proprietors. Mr. and Mrs. Huebsch have two children: Bernhardt and Lora. Barbara, born August 11, 1865, resides with her parents. Katharine, born March 12, 1867, married George Baber, and lives in Eau Claire; her children are named Margaret and Joseph. Bernhardt, born April 8, 1869, died May 14, 1877.

Elizabeth, the next in order of birth of the children of Bernhardt Sink, was born September 20, 1871. She married John Gray, and her children were named: Margaret, Mary and Viola. Peter, born September 28, 1873, married Anna Huguelet. Joseph, born August 7, 1875, is at home with his parents, as is also John, born August 12, 1877. Mrs. Sink came to America alone in 1856, and her sister Minnie came over in 1868.

Mrs. Sink's father had a sister, Mary Weiss, who was one of the oldest settlers in Chicago. She married Joseph Schumacher and lived at Fifth Avenue and Harrison Street. They had one son, who is still employed on the police force of the city of Chicago.

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## ANTON SCHERMANN.

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**A**NTON SCHERMANN, who has a residence and office at No. 633 Noble Street, represents a number of steamship lines as their passenger and ticket agent in Chicago, and has been engaged in that line of work about thirty years, and has been a resident of Chicago since June 1, 1851. Mr. Schermann was born May 24, 1818, in Poland, and belongs to a family remarkable for the longevity of its members. His maternal grandfather died at the age of one hundred and sixteen years, his grandmother at one hundred and six years and his mother at the age of ninety-nine.

Mr. Schermann was educated in the schools of his native place, and at the age of thirteen years began learning the trade of carpenter. In 1840 he joined the Prussian army and served ten years in the fortifications at Stettin. After leaving the army he kept hotel for a year and one-half. This venture not proving profitable, he resolved to come to the United States, and March 8, 1851,

sailed from Hamburg. After an ocean voyage of ninety-five days he arrived in New York, and ten days later in Chicago.

He occupied himself at the cabinet-maker's trade three years, in the service of a Mr. Morgan, and a few years for the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company in its shops. In 1862 or 1863 he began business for his own interests, starting a catering establishment on Augusta Street. He was the first to locate on that street west of Elston Road. He followed this business twenty years, and with the profits, purchased property on Noble Street, where he now makes his home.

While located there he accepted the agency of the American Steamship line, later the Amsterdam, and then the German Lloyd, and has since represented those companies. Since quitting his former business he has devoted all his time to the steamship lines and real estate. Mr. Schermann has always taken an interest in the



politics of his adopted country. He cast his first presidential vote in favor of Mr. Buchanan, in 1856, but since that time has supported the Republican party and was an active worker for the success of the party. He has been a member of Goethe Lodge No. 329, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, many years and also the cabinet-maker's society. For thirty years he has belonged to the order of Druids, in which he was secretary about sixteen years. In 1875 he was presented with a handsome gold watch by the members of Humboldt Lodge, Ancient Order of Druids, in recognition of his services, and in 1881, with a valuable gold medal, by the same lodge, both suitably inscribed.

In 1845, on November 6, Mr. Schermann married Miss Frances Schermer. She is a native of

the city of Stettin, province of Pomerania, Prussia. They have six children living, namely: Louise, wife of Louis Frank; Dorothy, now Mrs. Thomas Nalepinski; Dennis, of No. 144 Augusta Street; Frances, wife of ex-Alderman August Kowalski; John, in the insurance business at the corner of Bradley and Noble Streets; and Josephine, Mrs. Anton Klimek, all of Chicago.

This remarkable patriarch has never worn spectacles and is still able to read fine print without their aid. For nearly fifty-five years this couple has traveled life's journey together. They have thirty-six grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. The members of the family are connected with the Polish Catholic Church and are highly respected in the community in which they reside.

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## KARSTEN MIKKELSEN.

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**K**ARSTEN MIKKELSEN, who has resided in Chicago more than a quarter of a century, was born September 2, 1852, in the northern part of the province of Schleswig, which was formerly a part of Denmark, but now belongs to Germany. His parents were Niels and Elizabeth Mikkelsen, and he is the third of the six sons born to them. They were both natives of Schleswig, where the subject of this notice spent his boyhood and early youth. He attended the common schools a few years, but, when twelve years old, began to learn the tailor's trade with his father. He continued to work with his father during the next six years, and became a rapid and skillful workman.

But the opportunities for advancement were not great enough to keep him in his native country and, accordingly, he began to look for greater advantages in some foreign land. Those of his fellow-countrymen who had emigrated to

this country, sent back glowing descriptions of good business openings to be found in the United States, and young Mikkelsen resolved to try his fortune in the Great Republic. In 1871 he made the journey to Chicago, to which city a large part of the immigration was directed, and there found work at his trade. Until 1878 he worked by the piece, laying by as much as possible of his income.

To this rigid spirit of economy his start in business is due, as in no other way could he have obtained the necessary capital. With his brother, Theodore Mikkelsen, as a partner he established a tailor's shop in Ohio Street, which was continued about five years. At the end of that time the partnership was dissolved, each of the brothers going into business by himself. Karsten Mikkelsen first located in Huron Street, where he carried on a good business for some time. In 1888 he built his present factory, at



No. 286 West Superior Street. He now does a large business in the manufacture of clothing, employing twenty-five hands. He has not abandoned the frugal habits of his earlier days, and the results have been correspondingly greater as his income has increased. Besides owning his business establishment, he has erected a residence at No. 48 Evergreen Avenue.

In 1878 Mr. Mikkelsen was married to Miss Caroline Nelsen, also a native of Denmark. Their family consists of four sons, Victor, George, Henry and Irvin, all of whom were born in Chicago. The eldest was graduated from Met-

ropolitan College, and has been in the employ of Marshall Field & Company four years. The others are still attending school. The subject of this sketch has, in his long years as a business man of Chicago, gained a wide acquaintance, especially among his fellow-countrymen, and has the respect and confidence of all who know him. He is one of the strongest members of the Dania Society, having been connected with that organization since 1874. In political principles he is a Republican, but does not allow his party zeal to prevent his voting for the candidate whom he considers to be the best fitted for official station.

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## EDLEY A. ROBBINS.

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**E**DLEY AMOS ROBBINS, who is among the most enterprising and successful of the citizens of Chicago, was born September 11, 1860, at the northeast corner of Throop Street and Archer Avenue, where the Citizens' Brewery now stands. His parents were Amos Stokes and Elizabeth Robbins. Amos S. Robbins was born on Sunday, June 15, 1834, in Munn Chapel, Lincolnshire, England. He died in the winter of 1867, and his remains were interred in Oakwoods Cemetery. He probably emigrated from his native land in 1853. On September 14 of that year he gave his son a bible which was made in 1812. This was, probably, the date of his emigration from his native land.

On his arrival in Illinois Amos S. Robbins became employed by a tiller of the soil, Mr. Buchhults, who owned a farm near Summit, in Cook County. In 1859 he married a daughter of his employer, and opened a grocery store at Throop Street and Archer Avenue. He later dealt in ice, flour and feed and conducted a large business. His wife died in 1866, at the age of thirty-two years, and her remains were interred at Mount

Bartholomew. Her children were four in number. Edley Amos is the eldest. Marie Ann was born October 16, 1861, married Joseph W. Poole, and resides at No. 3607 Robey Street. Their children are named: Mildred, Dale and Myrtle. Rudolph Robbins died while still an infant. Elizabeth was born February 29, 1864, and married Thomas J. Healy, who is now a policeman, and resides at No. 3018 Archer Avenue. Their children are named: Clarence, William, Thomas and Florence.

At the age of fifteen years E. A. Robbins' education, as far as daily schooling was concerned, was at an end. He then began the battle of life and entered the hard but profitable school of experience, becoming one of the employes in the D. V. Purinton brick yards, where he remained five years and mastered the art of brick-making. He began to work in the Stock Yards, for Armour & Fowler, at the end of that time, and subsequently occupied himself at his trade in the summer and in the Stock Yards in the winter. He worked for a gas company from 1883 until 1886. He was one year foreman for the Consumers' Gas

Company and in 1886 entered the service of the Equitable Gas Company. He was its foreman one year and, later, was employed at the works of the Hyde Park Gas Company, and was foreman for this company from 1887 to 1892. One year subsequently he was foreman for the Chicago Gas Light & Coke Company, and has since that time been occupied in the same capacity with the People's Gas Light & Coke Company. He is a valuable and respected employe, and his services are rewarded accordingly.

October 14, 1885, Mr. Robbins married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Patrick and Sarah (Kane) Flaherty. Mrs. Robbins was born April 24, 1868,

at the corner of Thirty-first Street and Western Avenue. Her children are as follows: Walter, born July 8, 1886, died July 8, 1886; Clarence, born July 21, 1887; Edley Joseph, born November 11, 1889, died July 21, 1890; Ethel, born March 21, 1891, died July 18, 1891; Myrtle, born February 23, 1895; Edley Ambrose, born January 20, 1897, and Walter Albert, born April 21, 1898.

Mr. Robbins is a member of Amity Council, No. 13, Royal League, and is independent in politics, voting for the man who, according to his idea, is best fitted to fill official position to the interests of the people.

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## HENRY SANDMEYER.

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**H**ENRY SANDMEYER, one of the retired employes of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, is a man whose characteristic is fidelity. This fact is proven by his record of twenty-six years in the interest of one employer. He only retired when advancing years made it necessary for him to stop to enjoy the evening of his life in a well-earned rest.

Henry Sandmeyer learned the trade of a brass finisher and moulder in the city of Mamel. He was born in the town of Oldendorf, Prussia, and is a son of Louis and Sophia (Hupe) Sandmeyer, who were living in this town at the time of their son's birth, July 2, 1844. Henry was forced to serve a four years' apprenticeship at his trade, and was employed at his chosen occupation one year in Hamel. He spent two years in Berlin, Germany, and served three years in the standing army of the country. He left the land of his birth in 1867, and landed in New York in May.

He traveled westward and located in Columbia City, Indiana, with his brother, Louis Sand-

meyer, who had been there since 1852. In the fall of 1867, Henry Sandmeyer removed to Chicago. He was unable at first to find employment, and occupied himself on a farm near Chicago two months. In November of the same year he entered the service of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, at Twenty-sixth Street, in the brass and foundry department and continued in the same employ until January, 1892. From 1880 until the time of his retirement he was foreman.

September 29, 1872, Mr. Sandmeyer was married to Miss Augusta Stoffregen, daughter of Henry and Louisa (Mertens) Stoffregen. Mrs. Sandmeyer was born July 9, 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Sandmeyer were blessed with two children that have proved a blessing to them in every respect. Edward John, the elder, is twenty-one years of age at the present writing, in 1898, and is employed in the office of the German and Milwaukee Mechanics' Insurance Company, located at the corner of La Salle and Adams Streets. Alma



Augusta is nineteen years of age, and is at home with her parents.

In May, 1885, Mr. Sandmeyer erected a residence at the southeast corner of Madison Avenue and Sixty-third Street, which included a store building. For six months his brother conducted a drug store in the building, and for two years a hardware store, since which time it has remained a drug store. In 1891 Mr. Sandmeyer built an L shaped building around two sides of the old frame building, the new part being a three-story brick. He made the building occupy No. 328 Sixty-third Street and No. 6307 Madison Avenue. For two years the old residence portion was occupied by a barber shop, but the Hopkins restaurant has since been located in the said space. In 1892 he built a frame two-story building at Nos.

6309-11 Madison Avenue, in which is a meat market and flats.

Mr. Sandmeyer was made a Mason in Waldeck Lodge No. 672, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of Hutton Lodge No. 398, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has filled all the chairs. Though never seeking to hold public office, Mr. Sandmeyer is a staunch upholder of the candidates of the Democratic party. He is a man of pleasing address. He resides in the old building on the corner of Madison Avenue and Sixty-third Street and this home is presided over by his faithful and loving helpmate, who is a lady of refinement. Mrs. Sandmeyer is interested in all social and benevolent events and has aided in the rearing of two happy and devoted children, both of whom remain with their parents.

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## JOHN BERNER.

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JOHN BERNER, one of the most popular, progressive and enterprising citizens of Lyons Village, was born in Sharpsburg, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1856, a son of Baltzer and Anna M. (Hofmann) Berner, natives of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. His paternal grandfather, as well as uncle, Joseph Berner, were popular and well-known educators in the province of Wurtemberg, Germany, following teaching as a profession. His great-grandfather on his mother's side, George Hofmann, was a tanner by occupation, and attained the remarkable age of one hundred and thirteen years.

The maternal grandparents of John Berner, Alois and Anna Mary (Wilhelm) Hofmann, came from Hessen-Darmstadt to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1846. They removed to Sharpsburg, a place adjoining Pittsburgh, in 1849, where the grandfather embarked in the cooperage

business, manufacturing staves and nail kegs, and also owning and conducting a farm. He was widely known in western Pennsylvania as a talented musician, and died in February, 1882, at the age of eighty-seven years.

Baltzer Berner, father of the man whose name heads this article, was one of the early German settlers in Allegheny County, and was a mason by trade. He was many years engaged in contracting, in that line, in Pittsburgh and vicinity. He was fatally injured, while superintending the erection of a bridge on the Butler Plank road, near Sharpsburg, in 1868, dying from the injuries September 29 of that year. His widow survived him exactly thirteen years, dying September 29, 1881. The family consisted of eight children, five sons and three daughters, all of whom survive, and of whom John is one of twin boys.

John Berner was reared in Sharpsburg, Penn-



sylvania, receiving an education in the German Catholic parochial schools and continuing until he reached the age of twelve years. In 1868 his mother established a gardening business and he was her assistant until 1884. In March of that year he removed to Illinois, locating in Lyons, and embarking in the hotel business. He was five years occupied at this business, and subsequently spent two years in the market business at Riverside. In 1891-92 he conducted a restaurant and general catering establishment in Chicago, and from 1892 to 1899 has been proprietor of a summer garden in Lyons.

He purchased the fine property at Lyons, which he now occupies, at the corner of Joliet and Ogden Avenues, conducting a successful restaurant and cafe of a first class kind, making this one of the most popular resorts in Lyons.

Mr. Berner was married March 9, 1882, to Miss Magdalena, daughter of Louis and Elizabeth (Fritch) Durrstein, of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. He is the father of two children, Edward J. and Lizzie A. His family is connected with the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Berner is a staunch advocate of the public school system, and mainly through his efforts the present public school building was erected and the system put on the solid foundation it now enjoys in Lyons Village. He was also one of the incorporators of Lyons Village, being the main promotor which brought its incorporation to a successful issue. He has been a member of the Village Board of Education seven years, was one of the first trustees of the village, and served as treasurer two terms. In political matters he is a staunch Democrat.

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## JAMES HUGUELET.

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**J**AMES HUGUELET, a man of good family and reputation, and a loyal citizen of Chicago, is an employe of the city at the present time, and has been occupied at different occupations during his life. He was born October 13, 1845. For his ancestry refer to biography of Louis Huguelet, on another page of this work.

James Huguelet began the battle of life for himself when but thirteen years old, being a sturdy and energetic youth. He was first employed by the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company one year, and then entered the service of Mr. Loveday, where he remained but seven months. For ten subsequent years he was in the service of Thomas Goodwillie, located on the North Pier, in the industry of making boxes. Mr. Huguelet had charge of a department during the last two years he spent in this employ, showing that he knew how to make his services valuable and that his employer honored and valued him. He was

later for a period of eight years with James Maxwell, located at the corner of Loomis and Sixty-first Streets, also engaged in making boxes.

Mr. Huguelet spent eighteen months at the same occupation with Cook & Raftman and next was employed six years by the city under the Cregier administration, at the water works. He was generally employed later, serving in assessor's and collector's offices as watchman. He resides with his family at No. 98 Delaware Place.

He was successful in marrying a congenial, harmonious helpmate, January 8, 1874, when he was united to Miss Susan Marx, daughter of Adam Marx. They have become the parents of nine interesting children, of whom one is deceased, Samuel, who died at the age of seven months. In order they were named: James, Eugene, Joseph, Samuel, William, Della, David, Lily and John. The family makes a happy circle of peace and exemplary domestic life.

## ORRIN D. RANNEY.

**O**RRIN DATUS RANNEY was born at East Granville (on Holden Hill), Massachusetts, March 6, 1812, unto Orrin and Betsy Ranney, (*nee* Gibbons.) He had one brother and three sisters, all of good attainments. The brother, Timothy Pickering Ranney (now deceased), was long a prominent lawyer at Newark, New Jersey. His sisters, Nancy Deborah and Sarah Sheppard Ranney, were both graduates of Mount Holyoke Seminary, Massachusetts. The former (now departed) for many years had a private ladies' seminary at Elizabeth, New Jersey. Sarah married Mr. J. Austin Scott, a capitalist, of Toledo, Ohio. Sarah Sheppard Ranney Scott and husband are now both dead.

The subject of this sketch, on account of ill health was obliged to forego youthful aspirations for becoming a clergyman. After finishing his common school education, at the age of fourteen years, he began clerking in Westfield, Massachusetts. Upon his marriage, at the age of twenty-one, he began to conduct his own store at Lee, Massachusetts, whence he removed to Adrian, Michigan. Thence he went to Maumee City, Ohio, where he remained for a period of about ten years; thence to Toledo, Ohio. In all of these places he continued, with varying fortunes, in the mercantile business.

Removing from Toledo, Ohio, he came to the final destination of his earthly life, arriving in Chicago in 1856. He went directly into the provision commission business, on South Water Street, where he was long associated with the still surviving veteran Sherman Hall. Later he was for some years a member of the Board of Trade, in which we need not add he was deeply interested, and at whose marvelous growth he was, with his compeers of earlier days, obliged to marvel greatly.

In May, 1872, he became attached to the force

of the First National Bank, serving that corporation most faithfully in the capacity of Manager of the Safety Deposit Vaults, for upwards of a score of years, unto the very time of his death, March 4, 1894.

By political faith, he was a staunch Republican, following the progressive career of that supremely American party in every election with his unvarying support at the ballot box. The uplifting force of his long and good life is found in the Presbyterian dogma, to which he subscribed by actions which "speak louder than words." At the time of his coming to our city, he identified himself with the First Presbyterian Church, in which he was ever honorably prominent, acting as an Elder for long years, up to within about two years of the time of his decease. He was also warmly interested in the welfare of the Foster Mission, a time-honored school of that denomination. The Rev. Herrick Johnson officiated at his funeral, and he was laid at rest in Albion, Michigan.

Our departed friend belonged to no clubs, he was no society man; he belonged to his home; he was a man for the fireside and his tried, true friends. Said one of those high in position, with whom business associations for a lengthy period had brought the subject of this sketch into close relations of importance, "I would as soon have thought of our bank suddenly becoming bankrupt for some inexplicable reason, as to know that anything had gone wrong with our Deposit Department while it was under Mr. Ranney's supervision." Another, standing under the shadow of his tomb, said, "He was an honest man in every way, church, business, social and domestic life; none could come nearer perfection than Orrin Datus Ranney. All knew him only to respect and love, as one of God's noblemen."

As the Creator does not finish the lives of any,



no matter how saintly, upon this lower earth, so we cannot record in worthy fulness what is most deserving of historic remembrance and emulation on the part of succeeding generations of business men, about to enter upon important duties in our vast and rapidly growing metropolis. Surely, we may trustfully believe, as he was without fear, he passed to fields of Paradise without punishment; as he submissively wore the cross, the crown of eternal bliss is already encircling his beloved brow.

Mr. Ranney was twice married, having and leaving children only by the former marriage. The first union was with Miss Phoebe Eldredge, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Isaac Knapp, at Westfield, Massachusetts, April 15, 1833. Three children came to them, as follows: Charles Luce Ranney, born January 14, 1834 in Westfield, Massachusetts; went through the Civil War, and died in a hospital in Portland, Oregon, in 1890, unmarried. Ellen Maria Ranney, born July 5, 1839, in Lee, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, died in childhood at Maumee City; Alice Maria Ranney, born July 5, 1849 at Maumee City, Ohio; educated at Miss Ranney's Private School in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and later a graduate of the Chicago Dearborn Seminary. She married December 10, 1868, Walter Weeks Hilton, a banker of early Chicago, by whom she has two children: Myra Fisk Hilton, born September 27 1869, educated at the Chicago Dearborn Seminary; and married June 26, 1889, to Mr. William Z. Mead, formerly of Virginia, now

of Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he is engaged in the insurance business. John Ranney Hilton, born September 5, 1873, educated in the Chicago High School, unmarried.

On the 19th of January, 1881, Mr. Ranney was married to Mrs. Adeline S. Peabody, (*nee* Grosvenor) a prominent family of Albion, Michigan, by the Rev. Daniel M. Cooper, of Detroit, Michigan. Their more than half a score of happy years of wedded life were not blessed by offspring. She still survives him, living at Albion, and visiting his last resting place on frequent occasions, feeling honored in being the associate of one in every way so worthy of the best of womankind.

It will be seen that Mr. Ranney leaves no male child to bear his name throughout the coming years; therefore, although the good traits of female descendants will loudly voice themselves in his behalf, it is especially appropriate that at this time and in this place and manner, in dignified setting, surrounded by the best of his contemporaries, a lasting memorial be created, befitting in some degree the superlative characteristics of manhood possessed by him of whom this is written.

It is to be regretted that some fuller record of Mr. Ranney's lineal ancestry is not available; for the present it is known that his maternal grandparents were Timothy and Elizabeth Gibbons, and that the preceding in the male line was Peter Gibbons. It is unnecessary to call attention to those prominent in this family, a Cardinal being in the mouths of us all, at first mention. The paternal grandfather was Jonathan Ranney.

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## MARTIN N. KIMBELL.

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**M**ARTIN NELSON KIMBELL, one of the most public-spirited of Cook County's pioneers, who ably bore his part in promoting its moral and intellectual progress, as well as aid-

ing in its material prosperity, was born in Stillwater Township, Saratoga County, New York, January 24, 1812. He was the eldest child of Abel Kimbell and Maria Powell. The former



was born at Pownal, Bennington, County, Vermont, and was a son of Noah Kimbell, a native of Rhode Island, who removed to Vermont while a young man. The last-named was of Scotch-Irish descent, and a farmer and miller by occupation. He joined the Continental forces and took part in the battle of Bennington. Abel Kimbell, in early life, removed to Saratoga County, New York, where his death occurred in 1833 at the age of forty-two years. He was a veteran of the War of 1812.

Mrs. Maria Kimbell died in Saratoga County, New York, in 1830. Her mother, whose maiden name was Nelson, was of Dutch descent, and her father's name was Frost Powell. He was of English-Welsh extraction, son of Obadiah Powell, a Quaker, who died in Saratoga County at the age of nearly one hundred years. Some time previous to the Revolutionary War he removed thither from Dutchess County, New York, with his wife Betsy, bringing all their belongings on a pack pony. They became the parents of three sons and eight daughters, all of whom lived to extreme old age. During the Revolutionary struggle, Obadiah Powell was much censured by his neighbors on account of his non-combatant principles, and most of his personal property was confiscated. He was steadfast in his convictions, however, and lived to become one of the leading farmers of the county. At the age of ninety-eight years he husked several baskets of corn and carried them to the loft of his carriage house. His house was a favorite gathering-place of his numerous descendants, including the subject of this sketch, who was the recipient of considerable attention from the old gentleman on account of his being the first great-grandchild. About 1840 Frost Powell moved to Wisconsin, settling near Waterford, in Racine County, where he died a few years later.

Martin N. Kimbell was but six years old when the family moved to Windham, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and a few years later another removal was made to Tioga County, New York. Though his parents were able to equip him with little other education, they implanted in his mind those upright and honorable principles which, with the

habits of industry, frugality and sobriety acquired in early youth, admirably fitted him for the battle of life. At the age of twelve years he began working out among the neighboring farmers, his first wages being \$4 per month. The money earned in this way was spent for schooling—most of his education being obtained after he had passed the age of eighteen years. At the age of twenty he returned to Saratoga County, New York, where he was employed as foreman upon a large farm at the extraordinary salary of \$11 per month, the other help receiving from \$6 to \$8. So satisfactory were his services that he was offered still farther advance in salary, but after a few years he again went to Tioga County and taught school for several terms at a salary of \$15 per month, "boarding around." Having heard wonderful tales of the great West, in 1836 he came to Chicago. His first employment here was at farm work and teaming. In the fall of the same year he made a claim to a quarter-section of land in Jefferson Township, now inside of the city limits, and in the spring of 1837 built a shanty of hay on his claim. In 1838 he purchased this land, paying to the middle man who secured the title from the Government, the sum of \$2.50 per acre in annual installments of \$100. The same year he built a frame house near the location of his late residence, and engaged in active farming operations. Four years later he rented a hotel on Milwaukee Avenue, at the corner of the thoroughfare now known as Warner Avenue. This house was at that time known as "The Prairie Grocery," but he changed its name to "Live and Let Live." Although this enterprise was quite successful, he resolved to abandon it because it did not provide satisfactory environment for his growing family, and two years later he returned to his farm, which was his home during the rest of his life. At one time his farm comprised two hundred and seventeen acres, most of which has been subdivided in city lots. In addition to his farming operations he engaged for some years in jobbing and general contracting. In 1849 he began to grade and plank the highway known as Milwaukee Avenue, and built about three miles thereof, and was afterward employed for five

years as superintendent of the Northwestern Plank Road Company. His winters were spent in getting out oak plank for this purpose in the Desplaines woods, and some of the timber is still found in the grade of that thoroughfare. Mr. Kimbell was also interested in several other enterprises, and was for eleven years a director of the National Bank of Illinois. He was always a firm friend of the cause of education. Two terms of school were kept in his house, during which time he boarded the teacher gratuitously, and he often contributed money in excess of his school tax for the purpose of securing capable teachers. The first schoolhouse in his district was built by himself and two neighbors at their own expense. He was a school officer for thirty years, giving of his time and labor for the benefit of the public schools without hope of reward.

In early life he was a Democrat, but upon the passage of the fugitive slave law he renounced that party, and during the agitation which followed that act, he several times sheltered runaway negroes in his house, and rendered them other assistance in escaping from their pursuers. He made no secret of these acts, but such was the respect with which he was held in the community that no one interfered with this practical demonstration of his principles. Upon the organization of the Republican party, he became one of its strongest supporters, and consistently held to that course ever after. He was a member of the first Board of Supervisors of Cook County, and served as Deputy Sheriff at one time. Three of his sons served in the Union Army during the Civil War, in Battery A, First Illinois Light Artillery, and Mr. Kimbell spent most of his time for three years in sanitary and benevolent work for the soldiers. The first contribution of \$300 which he raised, was the proceeds of a ball at the Jefferson Town Hall. In this and other ways he subsequently contributed largely to the funds of the Sanitary Commission.

Mr. Kimbell was married on the 31st of August, 1837, to Sarah Ann Smalley. Her father, Nehemiah Smalley, died in 1836, soon after coming to Chicago with his family. Mrs. Kimbell was born in Madison County, New York, April 16,

1816, and has been an able helpmeet of her husband during their long and laborious career. Of their children, Charles B. is now living retired at Hinsdale, Illinois; Julius W. is their second son; Spencer S. is the third; Anne Maria (now deceased) was the wife of Jacob Stryker; Frank A. is a resident of Missouri; Angeline, Mrs. E. H. Smalley, resides at Caledonia, Minnesota; Martin N., the fifth son, resides on part of the old homestead; and Edward C. is a resident of Los Angeles, California. Three of the sons still reside near the old homestead. All are well-known business men, and the firms with which they are connected and manage, have furnished more stone and brick for Chicago buildings than any other firm in existence. Mr. and Mrs. Kimbell had twenty-eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, beside seventeen children and grandchildren by marriage, at the time of his demise. When congregated at the old homestead, this family exceeds in number the gatherings which took place at the house of Obadiah Powell in Mr. Kimbell's childhood.

Mr. Kimbell was a Universalist for fifty-seven years. He contributed toward the building of five churches in the city of Chicago, and was a member of the Church of the Redeemer. All the members of the family cherish the same faith.

Endowed by nature with a strong and vigorous constitution, he always enjoyed good health until about the year 1890, when he began to have trouble with his feet, which gradually developed into gangrene. This continued to increase steadily until, in January, 1895, it was decided by a council of physicians that in order to save, or even prolong his life and relieve the intense suffering he was enduring, it would be necessary to amputate his left leg above the knee. This was accordingly done, with his full consent, and with the hope on the part of the family that his otherwise robust constitution would enable him to rally from the operation. But his advanced age of eighty-three years was against him, and he sank gradually until the end, which came February 13, 1895. The last years of his life were spent in quiet retirement, surrounded by his numerous family, enjoying the fruits of a life of



hard and honest labor, combined with temperance, benevolence and frugality, a useful and exem-

plary life well worthy of emulation by rising generations.

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## ANDREW J. GALLOWAY.

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ANDREW JACKSON GALLOWAY, one of the pioneer railroad builders of Illinois, has witnessed the growth of the State from a few scattered hamlets to one of the most populous and wealthy commonwealths of the Union, and is still vigorous of mind and hale in body. He inherits from his Scotch ancestry those subtle qualities of mind which make the successful business man and the vigorous constitution which enables men to carry on continuous and fatiguing enterprises. His father, Andrew Galloway, was born in Donegal, Ireland, and emigrated to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, during the first year of the present century. His ancestors were among those who fled from the persecution of the Protestants in Scotland to the North of Ireland, and their descendants are now numerous in America, including many enterprising and successful business men. Several brothers of Andrew Galloway settled in America. Robert G. also located in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. John settled at Baltimore, Maryland, and Samuel went to New York, whence he removed, in 1836, to La Salle County, Illinois.

Andrew Galloway's wife (the mother of the subject of this biography) was Isabel, daughter of Hugh Wilson, who came from Ireland to Virginia with his father, John Wilson. The family moved from Virginia to Pennsylvania, where Hugh became a lieutenant of militia in the War of the Revolution. He married a daughter of Mr. Joseph Pierce, who was, doubtless, of English extraction. He moved from New Jersey to Westmoreland (now Allegheny) County, Pennsylvania, in 1772, making the journey on horse-

back, as there were then no roads over the mountains. The Pierce family was very early identified with the colony of New Jersey.

Of Andrew Galloway's ten children, two died in infancy; the subject of this sketch is the fourth, and beside him, but three are living, namely: Julia, widow of Francis S. Galloway, Sarah J., widow of William Bedford, both residing in Chicago; and George, now of Jackson County, Oregon.

Andrew J. Galloway was born near Butler, the seat of Butler County, Pennsylvania, December 21, 1814. Before he was six years old, his father moved to the vicinity of Corydon, then the capital of Indiana, and in 1823 settled on a farm in Clark County, same State, where he remained ten years. He died in Marseilles, La Salle County, Illinois, in October, 1843, of congestive fever contracted while making preliminary improvements on a farm which he had just located. His age was sixty-six years.

While a boy, A. J. Galloway spent his summers in doing such work upon the farm as he was able to perform, getting a little insight into the mysteries of letters during the winter months. At the age of fifteen, he found an opportunity to earn his board by working evenings and Saturdays, while attending a grammar school at Camp Creek, some miles distant from his home. In 1834, he entered the preparatory department of Hanover College, Indiana. He had intended to study the classics, with a view to taking up the science of medicine, but his attention was turned to engineering by the great demand made by canal and railroad construction, and the liberal



compensation offered to competent engineers. Under the instructions of Professors Harney and Thompson, he made special studies in mathematics and engineering, and received his diploma as civil engineer in April, 1837.

Proceeding to Evansville, he hoped to obtain a position on the Indiana Central canal, but was offered the charge of the Mount Carmel Academy at Mount Carmel, Illinois, soon after, and accepted for one year. Among his pupils were many young men who have since become distinguished men of business, law and letters. At the close of his school year, he accepted an appointment as assistant engineer in the service of the State, and was actively employed in the location and construction of railways in that section of the State.

In the fall of 1840, he went to Springfield, and was employed during a part of the following winter as assistant enrolling clerk of the Senate. In the following July, he received an appointment from the Canal Commissioners as engineer on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, under Chief Engineer William Gooding and his assistant, Edward B. Talcott. He continued in this work until the suspension of operations in the winter of 1843-4, when he retired to the farm which he had purchased in 1842, on the Big Vermillion river in La Salle County. In 1845, he resumed his position and employment on the canal, with headquarters at Marseilles, and continued until December, 1846, when the work was about completed and he was relieved. Within a few days, he was elected enrolling and engrossing clerk of the lower house of the Legislature, to which position he was also elected in 1848. At the close of the session in 1849, he was appointed Secretary to the State Trustee of the Canal Board, with office in Chicago. He moved his family to the city, and for over two years filled this position, until he resigned to accept the office of assistant engineer under Col. Roswell B. Mason, on the Illinois Central Railroad.

Mr. Galloway located about one hundred and fifty miles of the line of this road, and superintended the construction of the twelfth division until near completion, when he was transferred to the land department of the same road, with an

increase of \$1,000 per annum in salary. He superintended the survey of more than a million acres of the company's lands, and made sketches for maps of the same, with descriptions of the character and quality of every tract surveyed.

He retired from the railroad service in July, 1855, and formed a company, with two others, to deal in real estate and lands, under the title of A. J. Galloway & Company. Before the close of that year, they bought sixty thousand acres of Illinois Central lands, all of which eventually passed into the individual possession of Mr. Galloway. For some years he was occupied in disposing of these holdings, together with sales on commission for the company and other owners, and has done his share in securing the location of desirable citizens in the State.

Mr. Galloway cast his first Presidential vote for Martin Van Buren, in 1836, and has voted in every national contest since. He adhered to the Democratic party until the organization of the Republican in 1856, since which he has affiliated with the latter party. He was a member of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly of Illinois, and chairman of the committee on canal and river improvements in the house. This was the first Legislature under the present State Constitution, and held four sessions, two of them being called by the Governor of the State, and one of which was made necessary by the fearful conflagration which destroyed some two hundred million dollars' worth of property in Chicago in the brief space of twenty hours. He was elected to fill a vacancy in the Cook County Board of Commissioners in November, 1872, by some eight thousand majority, but was beaten on the "law and order" ticket in the following year for the same office, by some ten thousand majority given for the candidate on the "people's ticket." In 1882, he was a candidate on the Republican ticket for County Clerk, and though elected by the legal votes cast, was counted out. While at Springfield, he formed the acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln, and their mutual friendship continued with the life of the latter.

As chairman of the committee on taxation of the Citizens' Association, he has rendered valu-

able aid to that very useful organization, and at various times, through the medium of the press, has given to the public useful hints, facts and statistics which ought not to be forgotten.

In November, 1838, Mr. Galloway was married to Miss Rebecca Buchanan, youngest daughter of the late Victor Buchanan, senior, of Lawrence County, Illinois, a well-known and highly esteemed farmer, a native of Pennsylvania, who died and was buried on his farm in the year 1843,

having reached the ripe age of eighty-one years. Following are the names of Mr. Galloway's children: Rebecca Elizabeth, wife of George G. Gunther, now residing in California; Robert Wilson, an amateur artist and member of the Chicago Board of Trade, died at the age of twenty-seven years; Margaret, widow of Samuel L. Fogg, and James Buchanan, a prominent business man, reside in Chicago. Jessie died in 1870, aged twenty years.

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## REV. JAMES TOMPKINS, D. D.

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REV. JAMES TOMPKINS, D. D., for seventeen years Superintendent of the Congregational Home Missionary Society of Illinois, is not only an able preacher but a superior business man as well. His practical ideas and genial, sunny disposition inspire confidence and interest in all with whom he comes in contact, and secure ready co-operation in his work. He was born in Galesburg, Illinois, on the 6th of April, 1840. His father, Deacon Samuel Tompkins, was one of the founders of that city, being a member of the committee that came from New York, in 1835, to select the site of an institution of learning and, incidentally, of a town in the "wild West." The committee entered a township of Government land and platted a village in its center, in the name of Knox College. Tompkins Street, on which is located Knox Female Seminary, is named in honor of this pioneer. Samuel Tompkins was a native of Rhode Island, and his wife, Mary Grinnell, was born at Paris Hill, Oneida County, New York.

James Tompkins spent his early years in his native place, studying in the public schools, until 1854, when he entered the preparatory depart-

ment of Knox College. He graduated from that institution in 1862, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science. In 1865, having pursued special lines of study, he received the degree of Master of Arts. In 1867, he graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary, and in 1888 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Illinois College.

During his preparatory and college course, he maintained himself by teaching school, and the same year of his graduation—at the age of twenty-two—he took charge of Elmwood Academy, at Elmwood, Illinois. He continued here two years, at the end of which period a regular system of graded schools was established by the town and the trustees of the academy decided to merge that institution in the public high school. The formation of the grades and establishment of the high school was a task assigned to Mr. Tompkins, and faithfully carried out.

While he was in college, the call of President Lincoln was issued for seventy-five thousand men to put down the rebellion, and a company was enlisted at Knox College, Mr. Tompkins being among the first. So many men were enlisting



throughout the State that it was feared the company of students would not be accepted, and its captain was sent to Springfield to urge the matter upon Governor Yates, but the mission was vain, and thus several good soldiers were spoiled in the making of some good ministers.

After graduating, Mr. Tompkins aided in recruiting some companies of volunteers under a later call. These went into the Seventy-seventh and Eighty-fifth Regiments of Illinois Volunteers. Through much open air speaking in recruiting, Mr. Tompkins was suffering from a slight inflammation on the lungs at this time, and the examining surgeon refused to pass him for military duty. As he was anxious to go out with the men he had enlisted, he endeavored to persuade the surgeon that his ailment was temporary, but the official was inexorable and he was compelled to remain behind. After resigning his position at Elmwood, however, in June, 1864, he was enabled to give his services to the country by joining the United States Christian Commission, which did such valuable work for the "boys in blue" in camp and hospital and on the battlefield. In this service, he remained until the close of the war. He was first sent to the Army of the Potomac, in company with Rev. W. G. Peirce, the beloved and heroic chaplain of the Seventy-seventh Illinois. When they reached City Point, Virginia—General Grant's headquarters—they responded to a call for volunteers to go to the front, and were assigned to duty at Point of Rocks, on the Appomatox river. Here Mr. Tompkins met with an accident which nearly proved fatal. After hovering between life and death for a week, he rallied sufficiently to be taken in an ambulance to City Point, and was placed on a steamer bound for Baltimore.

On his recovery, he was engaged for several weeks in lecturing throughout Central Illinois on the work of the Christian Commission, and collected several thousand dollars for its use. He then visited the Army of the Cumberland and followed General Thomas as he drove the Confederate army, commanded by General Hood, out of Tennessee. He cared for the sick and wounded of both armies, took the last message of the dy-

ing for the loved ones at home, and aided in giving a decent burial to the remains of those who had given up their lives for their country.

Mr. Tompkins was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry April 24, 1867, immediately after graduating from Chicago Theological Seminary, in the Congregational Church at Prospect Park (now called Glen Ellyn), and entered upon the duties of the Congregational pastorate, serving jointly this church and the First Church of Christ in the neighboring village of Lombard, Illinois. On visiting Minnesota for rest and recuperation, he was engaged as stated supply of the Congregational Church at St. Cloud. From there, he was called to the pastorate of the First Congregational Church of Minneapolis. Three years' residence in Minnesota made it apparent that a milder climate was necessary to the health of both himself and wife, and he resigned his charge in Minneapolis. He soon after accepted a call from the Congregational Church at Kewanee, Illinois, which he served as pastor for over six years.

In May, 1878, the General Congregational Association of Illinois voted to appoint a Superintendent of its work in the State. A number of prominent clergymen were candidates for the position, and after several ballotings, Mr. Tompkins received a majority of all the votes cast and was declared elected. He entered upon his new duties in the succeeding July, with headquarters in Chicago, and is still occupying that position. He has introduced several new methods in the prosecution of the work, and awakened a deeper interest and more hearty co-operation in all the churches. The most important of the new instrumentalities was the employment of able men as State Evangelists. This gave new impetus, strength and enlargement to the work.

In 1869, on the 8th of September, Mr. Tompkins married Miss Ella A. Kelley, a native of Rutland, Vermont, daughter of J. Seeley Kelley and Mary E. Hall. To Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins have been given four children, namely: Roy James, born in Minneapolis, Mabel Ella, William C., born at Kewanee, Illinois, and Seeley Kelley, born at Oak Park, Illinois.



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KASPAR G. SCHMIDT.



## KASPAR G. SCHMIDT.

**K**ASPAR G. SCHMIDT was born in Vockenhäusen, near Wiesbaden, Nassau, Germany, February 20, 1833. His parents' names were John and Elizabeth (Dinges) Schmidt. John Schmidt was a tailor by trade and, in later life, became foreman of a tannery. He served in the German army as a sergeant-major under General Blucher. After participating in the battle of Waterloo, he accompanied the victorious army to Paris. His death occurred in 1854, at the age of sixty-two years. Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt survived until 1882, attaining the venerable age of eighty-two years.

Kaspar G. Schmidt is one of a family of nine children, of whom but one beside himself came to America. This was a brother, named Nicholas, who now resides in Chicago. Kaspar received a common-school education and, at the age of fourteen years, began to learn the trade of a machinist. After serving a four years' apprenticeship at Mines, he followed the same occupation for some time at Frankfort-on-the-Main. In April, 1854, he set sail for America. After a tempestuous voyage lasting fifty-six days, he landed in New York. Thence he came direct to Chicago, where he soon obtained employment at his trade. His enterprising spirit was not destined to be confined to mere mechanical labor, however, and he began saving his surplus earnings with a view to making a permanent investment. He did not have to wait long for an opportunity, and when, in 1857, several large Milwaukee brewers became bankrupt, he purchased a stock of beer at an advantageous figure and began doing a small wholesale business in that product. This enterprise continued to prosper until 1860, when he was enabled to start a small brewery, at the corner of Superior and Clark Streets. Two years later, he removed to Grant Place, which has ever since

been the scene of his operations. His extensive buildings were totally destroyed in the great fire of 1871. His loss at that time, including his residence, amounted to one-fourth of a million dollars. He was able to recover but a small percentage of his insurance, and the entire business had to be built up anew. Rebuilding upon a small scale, he enlarged the establishment at intervals until it attained a capacity of one hundred and fifty barrels per day and furnished employment to one hundred men. Having more than recovered his loss by the great fire, and being resolved to retire from active life, he sold out his plant in 1890, and is practically retired from business.

Mr. Schmidt was married in 1856 to Barbara Wagner, who was born in Rhodt, Rheinpfalz, Bavaria. She died on the 21st of September, 1894, at the age of sixty years. Of the eight children born to this union, five reached mature years. Barbara Elizabeth is now the wife of George W. Kellner, of Chicago; Katie Emma is Mrs. Martin Herbert, of Chicago; August died in 1889, at the age of twenty-eight years; George K. and Edna complete the list of the survivors. Ten living grandchildren make glad the heart of Mr. Schmidt.

Mr. Schmidt was a charter member of Mithia Lodge No. 410, F. & A. M., in which body he has filled all the chairs, and served as Master for five years. He helped to organize the Germania Club, with which he has since been identified, and is one of the original members of the Sonnenfelter—a German singing society. Ever since he became a citizen, he has given faithful allegiance to the Republican party, because its principles embodied his ideas of progress and good government. In 1868, he was elected Alderman of the Thirteenth Ward, serving four and one-half years

in that capacity. The time of election was changed during his term from fall to spring, thus prolonging his term six months. From 1874 to 1877, he served as County Commissioner, during which time he was chairman of the Building Committee of that body, and had charge of the construction of the present court house. His experience in the repeated construction of his own ample buildings was especially useful to him in the discharge of this duty, and was of great

benefit to the county, and the city of Chicago. He owns a fine stock farm at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, where he has spent considerable time in recent years, and where he finds enjoyment and recreation. Though sixty-two years of age at this writing, Mr. Schmidt is still hale and hearty. His interest in the growth and development of Chicago is unabated, and he views with pride and satisfaction the continuous progress in which he was for many years an active participant.

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## GEORGE M. DEARLOVE.

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GEORGE M. DEARLOVE, B. L., a young man of pronounced judgment and business ability, who makes his home in Chicago, though spending much of his time in travel, is a native of Cook County. He was born in Northfield Township, in 1873, and is a son of George and Mary A. Dearlove, the history of whose lives may be found elsewhere in this volume. In his early years he attended the public schools of Chicago, and later, as a youth, the Morgan Park Military Academy. After graduating from the last-mentioned institution, he attended the North-Western Military Academy at Highland Park, from which, after passing the Government examination in an able manner, he received his commission of Second Lieutenant in the State Militia, subsequently attaining to the rank of Senior Captain and Adjutant. While attending the academy he was President of the Class of 1891.

Not satisfied with his attainments thus far, Mr. Dearlove then attended Lake Forest University, completing the entire course with the exception of the senior year. Thence he went to Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois, where he took a course in Liberal Arts, graduating June 6, 1893, with the degree of B. L. While a student of

Lake Forest University, he was a member of the Zeta Episiton, and of the Ecclitrian Society while attending the college at Monmouth. In the latter institution, as well as at Lake Forest, he made a special study of Economics and of Financiering.

Possessed of strong human interests and a lively intelligence, it is not strange that Mr. Dearlove should find one of his keenest delights in traveling, especially as he is financially able to do so. Since 1887 he has spent most of his vacations in traveling, chiefly through the South and West. In these journeys he has happily combined pleasure and business, for, being possessed of considerable foresight and discernment, his travels have given him abundant opportunities for investment in promising enterprises. He was one of the promoters and constructors of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, and is still one of the Directors of the company which operates the same—a corporation which pays the largest dividends of any railroad company in the United States. He was also one of the original incorporators, and is now Vice-President of the Florida, Ocean & Gulf Railroad; Director of the Florida Central & Peninsular Railroad; and Director and Vice-President of the Florida Engineering and



Construction Company, which owns about two million acres of land in Florida. In addition to these numerous offices, Mr. Dearlove is a Director of the Florida Development Company, which has extensive fruit lands in Florida, with offices at Jacksonville, Florida and Chicago; and a Director of the Avon Park National Bank at Avon Park, Florida.

With the foregoing record of his business connections before one, it is hardly necessary to remark that Mr. Dearlove is a young man of keen perception and ready decision, who never loses a business opportunity for lack of promptitude in action. In address he is pleasing and intelligent, showing a great general knowledge of men and affairs, remarkable in one so young.

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## EUGENE C. LONG.

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**E**UGENE CONANT LONG was born in Brandon, Vermont, October 31, 1834, and is a son of James and Cerusa (Conant) Long, who were among the early pioneers of Cook County. James Long was born in Washington, District of Columbia, and was a son of Andrew and Alice Long, of Baltimore, Maryland. Andrew Long was killed in the service of the United States during the War of 1812. The family of Long (or Laing, as it was originally spelled) is of Scotch extraction, and was founded in America by four brothers who settled at Baltimore about 1660. Commodore Long, who was in the United States naval service during the Revolution, was descended from one of these.

While a young man, James Long went to New York City, where he became a partner with Samuel Hoard, afterwards Postmaster of Chicago, in the publishing business. A few years later, the firm removed to Brandon, Vermont, where they published a newspaper for some years. In 1835 James Long moved, with his family, to Cook County and engaged in farming in Jefferson township, near the present village of that name, now within the limits of the city of Chicago. Not finding agriculture very profitable, after three years' experience, he sold out and moved to Chicago and built a steam grist mill on Michigan Avenue, at the corner of Lake Street. This he operated

for several years. The engine in this mill was employed in pumping the water which was first supplied by the city to the people of Chicago. This contract continued some years, the water being forced through hollow logs laid in a few streets near the river. Those outside the service were wont to keep barrels for storing a supply, and these barrels were filled by private enterprise, at ten cents per barrel.

After disposing of the mill, Mr. Long was appointed by President Polk as Keeper of the lighthouse, which stood near the site of the present Rush Street bridge. He subsequently served as County Treasurer, and for a number of years filled the office of Alderman of the First Ward. After retiring from business and public life, he spent considerable time in travel, and his death occurred in Paris, France, on the 10th of April, 1876, at the age of seventy-four years.

Mrs. Cerusa Long died in Chicago in 1874, at the age of sixty-seven years. She was a daughter of John Conant and Chara Broughton, of Brandon, Vermont. John Conant was descended from one of the earliest American families. His grandfather, Ebenezer Conant, served in the Continental army, as Captain of a Massachusetts company. Roger Conant, father of the last-named, was among the Colonial Governors of Massachusetts—preceding Governor Endicott.



Eugene C. Long was still in his infancy when the family came to Cook County, Chicago being at that time a village of three or four thousand inhabitants. While a boy, he was accustomed to do the family marketing. The chief produce market was on State Street near Randolph, and its wares were brought by farmers from long distances and displayed in wagons and other vehicles, much after the present fashion of the Hay-market of the West Side. The pioneers of that day did not lack for the substantials, though there was little cash in circulation, and they were largely ignorant of the present style of living in the city.

At the age of seventeen years, Eugene C. Long graduated from the Beardsly Seminary, and soon after became a clerk and teller in the Marine Bank. His connection with that institution continued for twenty-two years, during the last twelve of which he served as Cashier. In 1874 he resigned this position and engaged in the stock and brokerage business, continuing that occupation

five years. He then entered the office of the late Judge Van H. Higgins. Since 1880 he has been a stockholder and Secretary of the Rose Hill Cemetery Company, and since 1893 has also been Treasurer of the corporation.

He was married in October, 1858, to Harriet Alexander, step-daughter of Van H. Higgins, and daughter of the first Mrs. Higgins—Elizabeth (Morse) Alexander. Mrs. Long was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, and is the mother of two daughters, Eugenie and Harriet, the first being now the wife of Edward L. Frasher, of Chicago.

Mr. Long and his family are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and he has been a life-long Republican in principle and practice. The record of his business career shows him to be capable and upright, for only through these qualities could any one hold the positions he has filled. In manner, he is courteous and easy, showing long familiarity with the best men and methods of the day.

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## FRANCIS HUTCHISON.

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**F**RANCIS HUTCHISON, a successful Chicagoan now living in practical retirement, is a Scotchman by nativity and spent his youth upon the banks of the river Leven, the outlet of Loch Lomond, a locality which has been rendered famous in song and story, and abounds with historic interest and romantic scenery. His birth occurred on the 30th day of April, 1828, in the village of Alexandria, Dumbartonshire. His parents, James and Janet (Weir) Hutchison, were in humble circumstances and, though able to afford their offspring but a rudimentary intellectual training, endowed them with habits and

principles which fitted them for filling responsible and useful positions in life.

James Hutchison was born at Abernathy, near Perth, Scotland, but removed during his youth to Dumbartonshire where his later life was spent. Mrs. Janet Hutchison was a daughter of Donald Weir, a well-to-do farmer and herdsman of Argyleshire. But three of their nine children are now living, and Francis is the only resident of the United States. The other survivors are Rev. John Hutchison, an Independent (Congregational) minister at Ashton-under-line, England, who has filled his present pastorate for upwards

of forty years, and Donald Hutchison, who is the chief engineer of a steamship company, which operates a line of vessels plying between Liverpool and the La Plata river in South America.

At the age of eight years, Francis Hutchison began to earn his daily bread by laboring in the print and dye works which abound in the vicinity of his birthplace. At fourteen he was set to learn the carpenter trade serving five years apprenticeship at that industry. He was afterwards employed as a ship-carpenter and acquired a degree of skill and proficiency which has since served him in good stead.

Having heard fabulous-sounding stories of the great land beyond the Atlantic ocean, he determined to see and investigate its wonderful resources by a personal visit and, not without considerable misgivings as to the duration of his sojourn, in 1858 he took passage upon the steamer "Kangaroo" for New York, arriving in that city on the ninth day of June. He went from there to Rochester, New York, and after spending a few months at that place, took passage by way of the lakes for Chicago whither he arrived in due time, landing upon a temporary pier at Clark Street. His destination was the home of his uncle, Donald Weir, who lived on the Des Plaines river near "the Sag," but as the address which had been furnished him was rather vague, he spent several days in unnecessary travel before reaching the place, a delay which was amply atoned for by the hearty welcome accorded him upon his arrival. As a number of farm houses were being erected in that neighborhood, he found a ready demand for his services, and his first season's earnings so far exceeded any sum he had ever received for a corresponding period of time that all doubts concerning the superior advantages of this country as a permanent place of residence were dispelled from his mind and he determined to become an American citizen.

In the fall of 1860 he went to Helena, Arkansas, where he was employed at his trade until the following spring, when, owing to the outbreak of the rebellion and not wishing to be pressed into the Confederate service, he returned to the North without being able to collect the money he had

earned there. His brief residence at the South had given him a good understanding of the conditions which prevailed there, however, and enabled him to take a more conservative view of the questions which divided the union than prevailed among the more enthusiastic partisans of the North.

The prevailing wages for house-builders in Chicago at this time ranged from seventy-five cents to one dollar per day, and Mr. Hutchison found it more profitable to engage in ship carpentry. He was subsequently employed in building gun-boats for the United States Government at St. Louis, and at Cairo, Illinois. In 1863 he purchased an interest in a distillery at Joliet, but as some features of the business became distasteful to him, he sold out the following year and invested his profits in vessels plying between Chicago and the lower lake ports. He continued the carrying trade for the next nine or ten years, and in the meantime purchased several lots and a residence at the corner of Van Buren and Throop Streets. The rapid growth of the city soon created a demand for this location for commercial purposes and he replaced his residence with several substantial business blocks. He has since bought and improved other valuable west-side property, and of recent years the care and renting of these buildings has absorbed most of his time and attention.

Mr. Hutchison was married in 1864 to Miss Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Thomas Jones, who died in Chicago in 1882, at the age of more than eighty years. The lady was born in Denbighshire, Wales, and came to America in 1856. She has been an able helpmeet and counsellor of her husband, and their union has been blessed with four children, three of whom are still under the parental roof, namely: Elizabeth Agnes, Catherine Jane, wife of S. B. Foster, James Francis and Jeanette Weir. All the members of this family are identified with the Jefferson Park Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hutchison is a man of simple tastes, and leads a quiet and unostentatious life, though he does not think it out of place to crack an occasional joke among his old-time friends. Since the



war he has been a pronounced Republican, but sometimes ignores party lines concerning questions of local import. When he first arrived in Chicago his total cash assets were comprised in a gold quarter eagle. This he carefully hoarded for some time and when obliged to spend a por-

tion of it for repairing his shoes, he received in change a one-dollar bill of "wild-cat" currency, which proved to be worthless. His subsequent prosperity, therefore, may be attributed solely to his frugal, industrious habits, correct judgment and integrity of character.

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## WILLIAM B. SNOW.

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**W**ILLIAM BLAKE SNOW, who put on track the first railway passenger coach built in Chicago, is descended from an old American family. The environment of the New England fathers was calculated to develop all that was sturdy in mind and body, and in many of their descendants are found the qualities which enabled them to survive the hardships they were compelled to endure and caused them to prosper in the midst of most forbidding conditions. The spirit of adventure and progress which led to the colonization of New England, still lives in the posterity of the Pilgrims, and has raised up simultaneously throughout the northern half of the United States churches, school houses and factories.

William B. Snow was born in Bellows Falls, Vermont, February 13, 1821, and is a son of Solomon and Lucina Snow. His ancestors were, doubtless, English, and early located in America. His paternal grandfather was a chocolate manufacturer near Boston, and his maternal grandfather, "Bill" Blake, established the Bellows Falls *Gazette*, one of the first newspapers in Vermont. His wife was Polly Wait, of Milbury, Massachusetts.

The subject of this biography passed his boyhood in his native village, receiving his education in the schools there existing. At the age of four years, he began working in his father's wagon and carriage shop, becoming expert in the

use of woodworking implements. For some years he was employed by his uncles in a paper mill. When twenty-two years of age, he set out to make his fortune, going to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he took contracts for carpenter work. From there he went to Seymour (then called Humphreysville), Connecticut, where he was employed by the American Car Company, and moved with that establishment to Chicago in 1852. At this time he had a contract with the company for building coaches, and set up the first one ever constructed in this city. This was purchased by the Chicago & Galena Union Railroad, then in its infancy. An account of the origin of that enterprise will be found in this work, in the sketch of John B. Turner, who was its founder. When the American Car Company sold out to the Illinois Central Railroad Company, Mr. Snow was employed by the new proprietor, with whom he continued from 1857 to 1872. His integrity and executive ability had meantime become known to many Chicago citizens, and he was offered a lucrative position by the Pullman Palace Car Company, for which he traveled three years. At the end of this period, he again took employment with the Illinois Central Company, and so continued until he retired from active business in October, 1891.

Mr. Snow has always been a quiet citizen, giving his undivided attention to business, and leaving others to manage their concerns in their own way. He has been a faithful attendant of the

Reformed Episcopal Church, with which his family is affiliated, being identified with Bishop Cheney's congregation. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a demitted Freemason. His early political associations were with the Whig party, and he has adhered to the Republican organization since it came into existence. He has never sought political preferment,

but has fulfilled that imperative duty—as well as privilege—of the good American citizen, a vote in every important contest. In 1843 he was married to Miss Orra L. Dyke, of American parentage, and two children have blessed this union. The eldest, Frank Austin Snow, resides in Chicago, as does also the other, Lottie, wife of A. G. Farr, of the firm of N. W. Harris & Company.

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## ALBERT G. LULL.

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**A**LBERT GALLATIN LULL was born in Windsor, Vermont, February 20, 1827, and died in Chicago, February 13, 1892. His parents, Joel and Celia (Smith) Lull, were natives of the Green Mountain State, the Lull family being one of the oldest in that commonwealth. Mrs. Celia Lull died in Windsor, and her husband afterwards came to Chicago, where he served as constable for several years. His death occurred in 1880, at North Attleboro, Massachusetts.

After leaving the public schools, Albert G. Lull became a student for a time at Dartmouth College. At Springfield, Massachusetts, he took up the study of gunsmithing and mechanics. In 1849, he came to Chicago and obtained employment in the machine shop of H. P. Moses. While thus engaged, he assisted in the construction of the first water works in the city. He was subsequently employed by Foss Brothers, in a large planing mill on Canal Street, near Monroe, the site of which is now occupied by the Union Passenger Station and railroad tracks. When this mill was torn down, preparatory to the construction of the depot, he purchased the machinery, in company with his brother-in-law, Isaac Holmes, and built a new mill on the west side of Canal Street, between Jackson and Van Buren Streets. The firm dealt in lumber and carried on the manufacture of packing boxes, doing an extensive business until 1871, when the entire plant was consumed

in the fire, which occurred on Saturday night, the 8th of October, preceding by one day the memorable "great fire." The disaster which destroyed the mills of Lull & Holmes made a gap which saved the West Side from the ravages of the succeeding fire. The firm rescued the safe containing their books from the ruins and placed them in the office of a friend, on the south side of Van Buren Street, only to be lost in the greater conflagration of the following day. This alone inflicted a serious loss on Mr. Lull, who never recovered his fortunes and suffered a permanent loss of health from the shock and exertions in trying to rescue his property. He retired a few years later from all business activities.

On the 5th of April, 1855, he was married to Mrs. Mary Sammons, daughter of John and Ellen Holmes, widow of Elijah H. Sammons. Mrs. Lull was born at Bradford, England, and came to America with her parents in 1835, arriving in Chicago in April of that year. She is still active in mind and body, and relates many incidents of pioneer life in Chicago. She is a member of the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul, in which Mr. Lull was also a communicant. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lull—Richard H., who is a physician now practicing in Chicago, and Mary C., who is the wife of Mark R. Sherman, an attorney of the same city.

Mr. Lull was a prominent member of the Masonic order, and likewise, of the Independent



Order of Odd Fellows, in which last fraternity he had taken all the degrees and was a member of the Grand Lodge of the United States. From the first organization of the Republican party, he was

one of its most steadfast and consistent supporters, and as a man and citizen, he ever sought to promote the material, moral and intellectual growth of the community in which he lived.

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## EDWIN F. DANIELS.

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**E**DWIN F. DANIELS, an enterprising business man of Chicago, was born at Concord, Jackson County, Michigan, January 23, 1848. He is a son of George and Delzina (Johnston) Daniels, both of whom died before he was five years old. George Daniels was born at Hull, England, and was one of a family of eleven children who came to America with their parents in 1832. They settled at Dearborn, Michigan, near Detroit. George Daniels afterwards moved to Jackson County, where his death occurred in 1854, at the age of thirty-two years. His wife was of Irish descent.

Edwin F. Daniels lived with his paternal grandparents and attended school at Hudson, Michigan. Before completing his education, however, he went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to assist his uncle, Capt. William H. Johnston, who was a commissary officer in charge of forage for the army. He continued in that employment until Sherman's army started on its famous "march to the sea," when he became a messenger in charge of forage on the railroad from Chattanooga to Atlanta. At the time when the rebels tore up the track, at Big Shanty, Georgia, the train on which he was serving returned to Altoona, just in time to escape capture. After the battle between Hood and Corse, in which the former was defeated, Mr. Daniels returned to Chattanooga and soon afterwards left the service and returned to his boyhood home in Michigan. He then, for some years, engaged in the manufac-

ture of woodenware and also operated a planing mill.

In February, 1876, he came to Chicago, and was employed for four years as Clerk in the County Treasurer's office. In 1881, he began dealing in coal, an occupation which he has continuously and successfully followed until the present time. The original firm of Weaver, Daniels & Co., was succeeded in turn by Peabody, Daniels & Co., and Edwin F. Daniels & Co. Since 1890, Mr. Daniels has been sole proprietor, and the business, which was inaugurated on a rather limited scale, has grown to immense proportions and is now one of the most extensive in its line in the city.

He was married in 1880, to Miss Kate Elkins, daughter of Henry K. Elkins, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Daniels was born in Chicago, and has presented her husband with two sons, Henry Elkins and Raymond Elkins Daniels. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels are members of the First Unitarian Church of Chicago, and the former is identified with the Union League, Kenwood, Chicago Athletic and Tolleston Shooting Clubs, and the Chicago Board of Trade. During the hunting season, he finds recreation by making weekly trips to Tolleston for shooting water fowl. He is an advocate of Republican principles, but ignores party lines in voting upon local issues. His success may be attributed to his enterprising business methods, ready decision and integrity of character.

## LYMAN C. CLARK.

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LYMAN C. CLARK is one of the leading and prominent business men of Turner, where he has made his home since 1870. During the years which have since passed, he has continuously engaged in the insurance business. He was born June 10, 1833, in Darien, Genesee County, N. Y., and is a son of Henry S. and Deborah R. (Carpenter) Clark. The paternal grandfather, Joshua Clark, was a Revolutionary soldier and served under Gens. Washington and Green. He was a native of Rhode Island, and after his removal to New York he took up several hundred acres of land. Throughout his life he followed farming as a livelihood. A prominent and influential citizen, he was honored with the office of Justice of the Peace for over forty years. His death occurred in the Empire State at the advanced age of eighty-seven. In his family were thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to mature years. The maternal grandfather of our subject, James Carpenter, was a native of Connecticut, and his entire life was spent in that State, where he died at an advanced age.

Henry S. Clark was born in Rhode Island, and became a contractor and builder of New York. He also engaged in painting, and his death was the result of his being poisoned by paint, in 1855, at the age of sixty-two years. His wife, who was born in Connecticut, died in the Empire State in 1881, at the age of eighty-four. Both were members of the Baptist Church, and the father was a local preacher of that denomination. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and his widow received a pension on that account. In their family were four sons and five daughters, of whom the following are now living: Henry H.; Lyman C.; Lorinda E., wife of William Waldron,

of Trenton, Canada; and Susan M., wife of Albert Blackman, of Erie County, N. Y. Two brothers lost their lives during the late war. Jerome was killed at Bentonville, N. C., and Dennis died at home from injuries received in the service.

We now take up the personal history of our subject, who was reared in the State of his nativity, and in the common schools of the neighborhood acquired a good English education. When about fourteen years of age, he began learning the trade of carriage-maker, which he followed continuously until 1865. The following year he emigrated westward and took up his residence in Davenport, Iowa, where he embarked in the life-insurance business. In 1870 he came to Turner, where he has since devoted his time and energies to the same pursuit with good success.

On the 18th of September, 1855, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Laura E. Babcock, daughter of Rev. R. and Lucinda (Gilbert) Babcock, the former a native of Massachusetts, and the latter of New York. Seven children have been born of this union, two sons and five daughters. Altie Florence is the wife of C. E. Norris, of Turner, by whom she has four children: Charles H., Carroll W., Ernest L. and Florence. Clarence Henry, deceased, was a twin brother of Altie Florence. Clara Louise, Henrietta and Charles Herbert are all deceased. Ella Laura is the wife of E. B. Holmes, of Turner; and Lulu Pauline completes the family.

The parents are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and take a most active part in church and benevolent work. Mr. Clark has been Steward of the church for thirty-seven consecutive years, and has also served as Trustee and Class-leader for many years. He is now Su-



perintendent of the Sunday-school, which is making good progress under his able management. He has also been prominently identified with temperance work. In politics, he is a Republican, and socially is connected with Amity Lodge No. 472, A. F. & A. M.; Doric Chapter No. 166, R. A. M.; and Siloam Commandery No. 54, of Oak Park. He and his wife are both members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Clark has a good

home and other town property in Turner, and is numbered among the valued and representative citizens of this community. He has lived an upright, honorable life, and his career is one well worthy of emulation. He has the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and it is with pleasure that we present to our readers this record of his life.

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## EDWARD HERRICK CASTLE.

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**E**DWARD HERRICK CASTLE. To the student of human progress, or the youth who seeks an example worthy of his emulation, the history of this successful man offers especially interesting features. His career has been full of adventure and excitement, and yet the experiences of his life have made his mind philosophical and his heart sympathetic. When he was born, the nation was young and still almost an experiment, so that men were not encouraged to venture into strange fields of action. He has lived to see the American nation become one of the greatest of the earth; and now, in his old age, he rejoices that he has been permitted to witness the triumph of the institutions of liberty.

E. H. Castle was born in Amenia, Dutchess County, N. Y., on the 5th of August, 1811, and is now nearing the completion of his eighty-third year. His great-grandfather, Gideon Castle, was one of the early Colonists who came from England. A brother went to Virginia, while another accompanied him to New York. Gideon, son of Gideon Castle, who lived to the age of ninety-six years, occupied an honorable place in history as a member of Gen. Washington's personal staff. He was with the immortal commander through the Revolutionary War as Commissary of Subsistence. He owned a mill in

Dutchess County, which manufactured flour for the Continental army. After the treaty of peace he removed to Amenia, where his son, William Castle, father of the subject of this biography, passed his life. His farm was situated about two miles from the village of Amenia, and here Edward H. Castle grew up to be a strong and hearty youth, full of ambition. He longed to go to sea and visit strange lands, and to make his fortune in the world. However, he remained upon his father's farm until about ten years of age, attending the small school in the vicinity. He afterward attended Dr. Taylor's academy in Cortland County, but his restless disposition soon drove him to sea, and he shipped on a bark bound for a distant port. After a voyage of many months, he returned to find his mother dead and the household in mourning.

This seems to have been a turning-point in Mr. Castle's life. The death of his dear mother affected him deeply. He had started out into the world full of youth's bright hopes, and this sudden bereavement was a severe blow. He had not been permitted to close the dying eyes of his best friend on earth, or receive her last blessing. He determined to honor her memory by making something of himself. In deference to his father's earnest wish, he consented to enter the office of

his father's attorney, Samuel Perkins, and take up the study of law. He studied faithfully two years, until an attack of measles resulted in a partial loss of his eyesight. He had long been convinced that he was not calculated to make a lawyer, and on being relieved from his studies, he began to look about for an opportunity to enter a business life, much to his father's disappointment. His subsequent fortune shows the wisdom of his choice.

Soon after attaining his majority, on the 1st of September, 1832, Mr. Castle started out from his father's home in Freetown, Cortland County, whither he had moved from Dutchess County. He traveled on foot over a lonely road to Carbondale, Pa., one hundred miles distant. At Carbondale, Deacon Hodgden had a force of men and horses employed in hauling coal from the mines to the canal. Young Castle applied to him for employment, and was offered \$14 per month and board. He stipulated, however, for what he proved to be worth at the end of three months, a unique plan, which was accepted by the Deacon with alacrity. Before the day of settlement came around, Castle was foreman and was paid \$40 per month. By gradual increase his salary soon rose to \$100 per month, and he shortly bought out his employer, giving in payment his personal note, which was promptly paid when due.

After three years of business, Mr. Castle entered into partnership with Stephen Clark, and the firm carried on a large lumber trade and opened a general store. They also secured through attorneys the lease of the Fall Brook coal mines for ninety-nine years, and added mining to their lumbering and mercantile business. Mr. Castle finally became sole owner by purchasing his partner's interest, and continued to prosper until his store and stock were destroyed by fire in 1838.

The year previous to that last above mentioned had brought reports to Mr. Castle's Pennsylvania home of the wonderful village on the shore of Lake Michigan, under the shadow of Ft. Dearborn. During that year this village began to be a thriving business center, and streets were opened as far west along the main river as the north and south branches. A paper was established by

John Calhoun, of New York, and was making the prospective advantages of the town known. Although he had been very successful in Carbondale, Mr. Castle felt that the growing West offered him greater advantages than he had hitherto enjoyed. He purchased a stock of goods in Philadelphia, which was transported by the only method then known—by wagon—over the mountains to Pittsburgh. Here he added iron, nails, and the heavy goods manufactured at Pittsburgh, and chartered a steamer to carry his stock, with which he proceeded down the Ohio and up the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers to Peru. Here he decided to open business, and soon after started another store at Joliet, having added to his stock at St. Louis on the way up. In a short time, Mr. Castle went into partnership with Gov. Materson and Hiram Blanchard, in a contract for excavating a part of the Illinois & Michigan Canal.

In the spring of 1839, Mr. Castle became a resident of Chicago, arriving on the 1st of May, having previously disposed of his mercantile business at Peru and Joliet. He opened a store in an unfinished building at the corner of Lake and Wells Streets, so far out of the then business centre that his venture was considered risky by many. The business soon grew to be profitable, however, and Mr. Castle shortly became a pioneer in what has since proved one of the greatest glories of the western metropolis—the grain trade. Although the modern grain elevator was then unknown, he handled in one year 100,000 bushels, shipping by lake and canal to New York.

With his usual business foresight, Mr. Castle early secured large tracts of land, entering one tract of swamp lands in the Illinois Valley, embracing six hundred acres, at ten cents per acre. Many derided him for buying this worthless land, but he, with others, secured the passage of a drainage act by the State Legislature, and within ten years after its purchase he sold portions of it for \$50 per acre. Mr. Castle also opened a dairy farm at Wheeling, and found a ready market for the product of his fifty cows in the city.

Navigation seemed natural to Mr. Castle, and we find him engaged in the Mississippi River



trade for seven winters, exchanging the products of the St. Louis markets for those of New Orleans. At one time he sailed the fine steamer "Alonzo Child." He secured a tract of two hundred acres of land in Washington County, Tex., and several years of his life were spent in making a beautiful plantation of this land.

In November, 1849, Capt. Castle bade farewell to his Chicago friends and set out for the newly-discovered gold fields of California. Proceeding down the Mississippi River to New Orleans, he accepted the position of mate on the "Florida," and set sail for Chagres. Crossing the Isthmus, he found at Panama the good ship "Unicorn," of the Aspinwall Line, and was tendered its command by the owner. On account of the crowded condition of the port, it was found impossible to carry all who wished to go, and a plot was made by some of the disappointed ones to murder Capt. Stout, but the plot was overheard by Capt. Castle and a friend, and was frustrated. With a crew of one hundred and thirty men and seven hundred passengers, Capt. Castle set sail for San Francisco, stopping on the way at Acapulco to secure as much provisions, cattle and coal as could be procured. January 5, 1850, found them in San Francisco without accident. Among all the hordes found there, one desire seemed paramount—gold. Fabulous prices were paid for all the necessities of life, and the most fortunate were those who discreetly remained in town and sold merchandise. Capt. Castle was one of these. He plied a small steamer, the "Eldorado," between San Francisco and Sacramento, and opened a store in the latter city. On the 5th of February, 1850, he opened a hotel, called the Illinois House, in San Francisco, which at once did a thriving business. He also purchased, or secured the consignment of, over four hundred cargoes, and operated a very extensive warehouse trade.

Being admonished by failing health to return home, Capt. Castle sailed on the steamer "Columbus" for Panama in the fall of 1851. The sea voyage and careful nursing which he received from the ship's matron soon made him comparatively well. During the voyage, he was sent for by a Mr. Saltpaugh, who had noticed that Capt.

Castle was a Mason. Mr. Saltpaugh was dying with cholera, and confided to Capt. Castle's care his money (\$1,200) to be delivered to Mrs. Saltpaugh at Port Gibson, N. Y. The captain of the vessel claimed the custody of this money under a United States law, but Capt. Castle said: "I promised that man, who was a brother Mason, to deliver the money to his widow, and you can only secure it from my dead body." The matter was not pressed any further, and Capt. Castle subsequently had the pleasure of delivering the money to its rightful owner. By steamer "Falcon" to Cuba, and "Ohio" to New York, Capt. Castle was once more united with his wife and daughter, who met him in New York, and the meeting was a joyful one.

Soon after his return to Chicago, Capt. Castle was appointed Western Agent of the Erie Railroad, and administered its affairs for four years, largely increasing its traffic, and at the same time he dealt more or less in city property, with profit to himself. During most of this period he acted as General Agent for the entire Mississippi Valley. After retiring from the railroad agency, Mr. Castle engaged in the real-estate business on a large scale, in partnership with Lewis W. Clark, which continued until the death of Mr. Clark, after which Mr. Castle continued alone.

In 1858, Mr. Castle turned his attention to railroad construction, and secured, after much effort, a charter from the State of Missouri for a road from Canton to the Missouri River, a distance of two hundred miles. The people along the line promptly subscribed for double the stock, and he had completed about fifty miles of track when the outbreak of the Civil War stopped all operations and caused him a heavy loss. The rebel, Gen. Greene, drove Capt. Castle and his men from the State and seized all the stores, iron and cars, valued at about \$2,000,000. Nearly all of Capt. Castle's force was composed of single men, who were loyal to the Union, and when he asked them to join the Union army they responded almost to a man. Chartering a steamer, he took them to St. Louis, where they were accepted by Maj.-Gen. Fremont, and Mr. Castle was made a colonel on Fremont's staff. Col. Castle was made

Superintendent of Railroads for the Western Department, comprising twenty-seven lines, with headquarters at St. Louis. By his arrangement, various lines centering there were connected, and a vast amount of delay and expense thus saved to the Government. He prepared a uniform scale of freight rates, which was accepted by Congress and known as the Castle Rates. He and his faithful men were kept busy in repairing the damage to bridges and grades by the rebels, who well knew that the success of the Union troops was much enhanced by rapid transportation.

A warm friendship sprang up between Col. Castle and his brave commander, which continued as long as both of them were permitted to live. When Gen. Fremont was ordered to Virginia, Col. Castle accompanied him and was employed in bridge-building. He had bridges and wagons for their transportation built in Pittsburgh, and because of his presence everywhere in preparing a way to cross rivers on pontoon bridges, the soldiers dubbed him "Col. Pontoon."

After Sheridan's famous raid up the Shenandoah River, Col. Castle was summoned to Washington by President Lincoln, for whom he performed some special services, and received the thanks of the President and Congress. After the surrender of Vicksburg, Col. Castle contracted to furnish Gen. Grant's army with twenty-eight thousand tons of ice, which was done with considerable difficulty on account of the fall of water in the Mississippi, necessitating the employment of railroad transportation a part of the way, and re-shipment by boat at Cairo. When the ice was delivered at Vicksburg, Gen. Grant thanked Col. Castle with tears in his eyes, and the town was illuminated. Col. Castle was sent by the President to confer with Gen. Banks at New Orleans concerning the contemplated Red River expedition, but Banks spurned the advice of Col. Castle, who showed him the disaster that was sure to result from his plans, and the result proved the wisdom of Col. Castle's conclusions, based upon his long experience in travel and navigation. In the spring of 1865, he again entered the real-estate business, with office on La Salle Street, in which he continued to be successful. About two years

later he experienced religion, and devoted much of his time to the cause of the Master, with telling effect among his neighbors and friends.

Col. Castle's first wife, Miss Caroline E. Johnson, of Norwich, Conn., was a woman of deep piety and many beautiful graces. He first met her in Carbondale, Pa., and after a married life of thirteen years she was called to her reward in heaven. His present wife, Mrs. Emeline Castle, was born in Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa., in 1818. She is descended from Quaker ancestors, and married Wells Bennett, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., for her first husband, with whom she came to Illinois more than fifty years ago. She was one of the pioneers of Methodism in northern Illinois.

Col. Castle has been for over fifty years a Free Mason, and more than forty years a Master Mason. He believes the society has led him to high and noble resolves, and has contributed more than \$25,000 to the benefit of the order. He is the only surviving charter member of Cambrian Lodge No. 58, I. O. O. F., of Carbondale, to which he has been a liberal contributor.

As a member of the Chicago Union Veteran Club, he has taken a deep interest in the welfare of old soldiers. His great pleasure now, however, is the Mission on West Lake Street, near Garfield Park, which is now known as the Garfield Park Methodist Church. It was his interest in this mission which led him to sever his connection with the Park Avenue Methodist Church two years ago, in order to devote more time to mission work. He is one of the supporting members of the Lake Street Mission.

At the present time, Col. Castle is actively engaged in business, and attends to his large interests with a regularity remarkable for one of his great age. His large hall at the corner of Lake and Paulina Streets is occupied by the Salvation Army, and a good work is being accomplished by this, the greatest corps in the world.

And now, as the long and eventful career draws to a close, Col. Castle looks back over the many years of struggle and strife with a tranquil mind. Having done the best that he could, he leaves the rest with his God. His life is well worth the



study of any young man. His is a character of true nobility, formed by years of honest labor and honorable dealings with his fellow-men. No difficulty was so great that it could not be overcome, and no path so rough that could not be made smooth. He can well say to the young, with Bryant:

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join  
The innumerable caravan that moves  
To that mysterious realm where each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death,  
Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,  
Scourged to his dungeon; but sustained and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave  
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

## EDWARD DAVID PARMELEE.

**E**DWARD DAVID PARMELEE, city ticket agent at Chicago of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, claims New York as the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Aurora, Cayuga County, August 27, 1859. His parents were David L. and Jeannette Brown (Kimball) Parmelee. His father was born in Middlefield Centre, Otsego County, N. Y., and was a graduate of Hamilton College, of Clinton, N. Y. Later he served as Principal of the Cayuga Lake Academy, and subsequently carried on a private bank in Aurora, N. Y., where he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1866, at the age of thirty-eight years. In politics, he was a Republican, and was connected with a number of college societies. In religious belief, he was a Presbyterian, and lived an honorable, upright life, which won him high regard. His wife was born in Chicago, and is a daughter of Mark Kimball, who was one of the pioneers of this city. Her birth occurred on Monroe Street, near the present office of the Adams Express Company, which locality was then one of the chief residence portions of the metropolis. The lake then extended to Michigan Avenue.

In the Parmelee family were four children, but our subject is the only survivor. He had one sister, Fannie, who died in Canton, N. Y., about six years since, and the other two died in infancy. He was a lad of seven years when the family removed to Orange, N. J. Subsequently they took

up their residence in Adams, N. Y., where he attended Hungerford's Collegiate Institute, pursuing a classical course of study. At the age of seventeen, just before completing the course, he came to Chicago, to accept a position as clerk in the General Baggage Agent's office of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Since that time he has been with the same company, and has won promotion from time to time, until he has attained his present responsible position. He was first made assistant depot ticket agent, and in 1884 was made assistant city ticket agent at the old office in the Sherman House. Since 1887 he has filled his present position, and a large volume of business is transacted under his supervision and management.

Mr. Parmelee supports the principles of the Republican party, and was one of the original members of the Marquette Club. He served for several years on its board of directors, during which time it first nominated Benjamin Harrison for the Presidency. He is now a member of the Chicago Athletic Association, and is a cultured and accomplished gentleman, who has gradually risen to his present responsible position by fidelity and strict attention to business. He merits and receives the confidence and good-will of the traveling public as well as that of his superior officers. A courteous and genial gentleman, he is well fitted for his position, which he is acceptably and creditably filling.

## CHARLES ADAMS, M. D.

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CHARLES ADAMS, M. D., one of the physicians of Chicago who have risen by their own unaided efforts to a conspicuous place among the medical practitioners of the city, is of English birth. He was born in Northamptonshire, England, on the 29th of May, 1847. His father, John Adams, was of a yeoman family, which for generations had been engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. His mother, Elizabeth (Clarke) Adams, was a daughter of a gentleman farmer of the same country.

At an early age the Doctor began his studies, and when a youth of ten he had completed the course in the grammar school at Wellingborough, in his native county. In 1856, his father bade adieu to Old England, and the fair fields, pretty leas and spreading elms that cause its scenery to be so long remembered, and, accompanied by his family, sailed for the United States. He settled in the then new and crude West, which years of patient effort are making to resemble, in its physical features and in many of its institutions, the land of our forefathers. The Adams family first located in Milwaukee, where they remained until 1861, when they came to Chicago.

During that period, the Doctor spent the greater part of his time in school, but on moving to Chicago he became book-keeper for his father, who was engaged in the live-stock business. There he continued until 1868. Much of his leisure time was devoted to study, and in this way he obtained a wide and varied knowledge. In connection with his general reading, he also took up the study of medicine, mastered various works on that science, and resolved to make the practice of the healing art his life work. He finally entered the office of Dr. J. S. Mitchell, and, after spending

some time there as a student, he entered Hahnemann Medical College of this city, from which institution, on the completion of a three-years course, he was graduated in 1872. The year after his graduation he spent as house surgeon in Scammon Hospital, of Chicago. The greater part of the year 1873 he passed in Europe, taking a special course of surgery in London. On his return to the United States, he took up the practice of medicine in Chicago, where his thorough training and fitness for the profession soon brought him a profitable practice among the upper classes of Chicago's citizens.

In 1875, Dr. Adams again crossed the Atlantic and visited the land of his nativity. He went to Wellingborough, and was there wedded to Miss Mary Curtis, daughter of Thomas S. Curtis, a merchant of that place. By their union were born two children, one of whom, Cuthbert, a young man of eighteen, is still living. Mrs. Adams died in 1888, and the following year the Doctor was united in marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth (Mitchell) Gaylord, of Chicago, widow of Henry Gaylord, and a daughter of W. H. Mitchell, the well-known Vice-President of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank.

When he again came to the United States, in 1873, Dr. Adams accepted the chair of surgical pathology in Hahnemann College and thus served until 1875, when, on the organization of the Chicago Homeopathic College, he accepted the chair of principles and practice of surgery, which he filled for some years. Now, after an absence of considerable length, he again occupies that position. The Doctor is also surgeon of the Chicago Homeopathic Hospital, the Chicago Nursery, the Half Orphan Asylum and the First Regiment, Illinois National Guards. He is a member of the



Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, of the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Association, the Chicago Medical Association, belongs to the Academy of Science of Chicago, and is a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society of London.

Dr. Adams possesses a large library of professional works and also of general literature, the character of which shows his wide knowledge of books,

and splendid ability to select the best, and none other. He not only possesses a library, but has a knowledge of the contents of almost every volume in it, whether English, French or German. His success is a fitting reward of his labors. He has been, and still is, a hard student, an earnest, painstaking and successful practitioner, a faithful friend and a cultured, genial gentleman.

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## HENRY BUDDE.

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**H**ENRY BUDDE, a well-known farmer of Niles Township, Cook County, residing on section 17, is the youngest in a family of three sons, whose parents were Conrad and Leonore (Baesner) Budde. He was born December 5, 1815, in Messenkomp, Hanover, Germany, and his brothers were William and Christian Budde. His parents died when he was only two years of age. Losing the entire estate which came to them from their father, the three brothers separated, and Henry, when only a child, was thrown upon the mercies of a cold, and often pitiless, world. In July, 1845, he left his native land and sailed for America, landing in New York after a voyage of five weeks. He at once came to Cook County, arriving July 20, 1845. Here, during the following winter, he chopped one hundred and seventy-five cords of wood, receiving in compensation for his hard labor three shillings per cord. The next year he became the possessor of sixty acres of land on section 17, Niles Township, where he now resides.

In 1846, when war's cruel tongue was calling for brave men to do battle against the Mexicans, Mr. Budde believed it his duty to enlist in defense of his country, for although he was not an American born, he was now an American citizen. In June he became a member of Company

K, First Illinois Infantry, under Capt. Mowers, and was honorably discharged in 1847. At the battle of Buena Vista, on the 22d of February of that year, he was wounded in the left leg.

Returning from the scene of strife, he laid aside the weapons of war for Cupid's bow and arrow, and wooed and won Miss Marie Linaman, who became his wife April 8, 1848. They had four children: Henry, born October 4, 1850; Marie, May 20, 1852; John, born in 1854; and Louis, January 21, 1859. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Budde, in July, 1882, married Mrs. Marie Ludwig, who was called to the home beyond December 5, 1887, at the age of fifty years. He was again married, for the third time, August 23, 1894, to Mrs. Sophia Uhrscheller, widow of Charles Uhrscheller, of Chicago. Mrs. Budde's first husband, Henry Schmidt, served many years on board of a United States man-of-war. From New York he removed to Chicago about 1864, and died there in 1878.

Mr. Budde has devoted the greater part of his time and attention through life to agricultural pursuits. He received from the Government one hundred and sixty acres of land in return for his services as a Mexican soldier, and this he traded for the farm upon which he now resides. It is a valuable place, highly cultivated and well im-

proved, and its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the careful supervision of the owner. He has erected thereon a fine brick residence, one of the most beautiful homes in this locality.

Mr. Budde holds membership with the Lutheran Church, in which he is now serving as Trustee. For several years he has served as School Director, and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1848. He said, "I went so far

astray as to vote for Buchanan, but since that time I have been a Republican," and he is true to the party of his choice to this day. In Mr. Budde is seen a self-made man, who began life without capital, but success crowned his efforts and he has won a handsome competence. He is now recognized as one of the substantial agriculturists of this community, as well as one of its highly respected citizens.

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## CAPT. JOHN UNOLD.

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**C**APT. JOHN UNOLD, who is now living a retired life in La Grange, is one of the honored veterans of the late war, who followed the Old Flag in defense of the Union for about three years and faithfully aided in securing the victory that made the United States inseparable. He was born in Germany on the 29th of November, 1829, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Brechiesen) Unold. The family numbered six children, four sons and two daughters, as follows: George and David, both now deceased; Christopher, who is the owner of a factory for the manufacture of wooden-ware in Germany; Elizabeth, who is still living in the Fatherland; and Mary, now deceased. George Unold was a millwright by trade, and in Germany he spent his entire life, as did the mother of our subject.

The Captain was born and reared in his native village, and attended the public schools of Germany until thirteen years of age, when he was bound out for a three-years apprenticeship to the harness-maker's trade. He then traveled through Germany for three years, working at that occupation, and in 1849, when a young man of twenty years, he crossed the broad Atlantic to America on a sailing-vessel, which after six weeks upon the bosom of the Atlantic dropped anchor in the harbor of New York City. He made his first lo-

cation in Newark, N. J., where he worked at his trade for two years. He then went to New Haven, Conn., where he spent the four succeeding years of his life, and in 1855 removed to Chicago. For two years he was there employed as a harness-maker, after which he went to Fullersburg, DuPage County, where he started a shop of his own and engaged in business until 1861. He also carried on a general store at that place, and was Postmaster of Fullersburg for a time, but in 1862 he disposed of his business interests in order to enter the service of his adopted country.

Mr. Unold had watched with interest the progress of events and saw that the war was to be no holiday affair; so, prompted by patriotic impulses, on the 15th of August, 1862, he became a private of Company D, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry. Before he was mustered into service, which event took place at Dixon, he was transferred to Company I, and became Second Sergeant. The first active engagement in which he participated was at Frankfort, Ky. He afterwards took part in the battles of Resaca, New Hope Church, Cassville, Kennesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek and Clintonville. He was wounded in the left ankle by a shell at the battle of New Hope Church, but did not go to the hospital. At At-



lanta, he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, and was mustered out as Captain. He received his discharge June 15, 1865, for the war was then practically over, and the preservation of the Union an assured fact.

Capt. Unold at once returned to his home in Fullersburg, where he established another harness shop, which he carried on until 1868, when he came to La Grange, and opened a general store. He carried on business along that line until 1887, when he sold out and has since lived retired. He was successful in his business dealings and thereby acquired a comfortable competence, which now enables him to enjoy the rest which he has so truly earned and richly deserves. He now owns considerable real estate in La Grange.

On the 5th of February, 1852, Capt. Unold was united in marriage to Miss Martha Hoppach. Unto them have been born nine children, namely: Willemanie, now deceased; Lewis, who holds the position of book-keeper in his brother's

store in La Grange; George, who carries on a large general merchandise establishment in La Grange; Julia, deceased; Amelia, wife of Edward Tillotson, who is living in Michigan; Ottilda, widow of Samuel Clifford; and Amanda, Louisa and Sherman, all of whom have now passed away.

In politics, Capt. Unold is a supporter of the Republican party, and from 1869 until 1875 he served as Postmaster of La Grange. He was for seventeen years one of its School Directors, and did effective service in the cause of education, proving a capable officer. Socially, he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic. He came to this country a poor boy and has made all that he possesses by his own careful business management, his thrift and enterprise. His life has been well and worthily spent, and he has achieved a success which now enables him to spend his declining years surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

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## LOOMIS POMROY HASKELL.

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**L**OOMIS POMROY HASKELL, who has for thirty-seven years been successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry in Chicago, has won a reputation for skill and ability that has made him known not only in this city but throughout the world. His prominence in professional circles makes him well worthy of representation among the leading citizens of Cook County.

Dr. Haskell was born in Bangor, Me., April 25, 1826, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary (Fuller) Haskell, who were natives of Gloucester, Mass. The Haskell family in America was founded by three brothers, who in an early day emigrated from England, their native land, to the New World, and became early settlers in the Massachusetts Colony. About 1823, the father of our

subject removed to Bangor, Me., and five years later went to Marblehead, Mass., where his last days were passed, his death occurring in 1830. He was a shoe-maker by trade, and opened the first shoe-store in Bangor, Me. His wife, who survived him thirty years, died in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1860. She was a daughter of Rev. Thomas Fuller, a Congregational minister of Gloucester, Mass. Both Mr. and Mrs. Haskell were members of the Congregational Church, and, socially, he was connected with the Masonic order.

After the death of the father the family removed to Salem, Mass., where the Doctor attended school until fifteen years of age. He then went to Boston and entered a printing-office, where he was

employed for four years. His experience there formed an excellent supplement to the limited educational privileges he had previously received. On leaving the printing-office, he took up the study of dentistry in the office of his brother-in-law, Dr. M. P. Hanson, of Chelsea, Mass., and in connection with the latter he gave considerable attention to the manufacture of carved block teeth. It was through this means that he became widely known among his professional brethren in New England.

Ere leaving the East, Dr. Haskell was united in marriage with Sarah E. Wason, a native of Chester, N. H. Six children were born of their union, but only four of the number are now living, namely: Ella P.; Lizzie M., wife of Rev. W. J. Clark, of Lamoyille, Ill.; Sarah Isabel, wife of Col. J. B. Parsons, of Dwight, Ill.; and Anna N., wife of W. T. Barr, of Hinsdale, Ill. The two children now deceased are Harriet N., who died in infancy; and Mary F., who died at the age of fifteen years.

In 1856, Dr. Haskell left his old New England home and removed to Milwaukee, Wis. The following year he came to Chicago, where he has since been almost continuously engaged in practice. He demonstrated the excellence of his methods for two terms in the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, and for two terms in the Minneapolis College. He was Professor of prosthetic dentistry in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery for four years, and for three years in the dental department of the Northwestern University. In 1888 he established the first post-graduate school of dentistry, which since that time

has furnished instruction to hundreds of students, mostly practicing dentists from all parts of North America, as well as England, Germany, Holland, Chile, Australia and New Zealand. The Doctor is a frequent contributor to dental journals, and is the author of "The Student's Manual and Hand Book for the Dental Laboratory," which circulates extensively among the profession in America, and has been republished in France and Germany. Since the organization of the party, Dr. Haskell has been a staunch Republican. In 1848 he cast his first vote, supporting Martin Van Buren on the Free-Soil ticket, and he was a delegate to the first Free-Soil Convention ever held in the United States, which met at Worcester, Mass. He is a member of the Chicago Dental Club, the Illinois State Dental Society, and the American Dental Association. He and his family are members of the Congregational Church of Hinsdale, where they make their home. He has practiced dentistry longer than any other dentist in Chicago, and with one exception has been actively engaged in dental work here longer than any other member of the profession. He keeps fully abreast of the times, and is continually studying to gain new knowledge on the subject to which he has given his life work. Thus has he won a front rank among the dentists of the world. He is a gentleman of pleasing address and prepossessing manner, and is an interesting writer and able speaker. So well known is he throughout the Northwest, that the history of Cook County would be incomplete without this sketch.

## JAMES O. HUTCHINSON.

JAMES O. HUTCHINSON, who for nine years has been in the employ of the well-known firm of Thomas Cook & Sons, now occupies the position of General Western Agent, with headquarters at No. 234 South Clark Street,

Chicago. His long continuance with the company is a testimonial of his ability and fidelity more expressive than any words could be. Mr. Hutchinson was born in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1845, and comes of one of the oldest families of



the Empire State. His ancestors were originally natives of Scotland, and came from that country to America not long after the Colonies had been founded on the shores of the New World. The father of our subject was a man of prominence and influence, and served as a member of the General Assembly of New York. The maternal grandfather, Judge Strong, sat on the Supreme Bench of the State in 1812, and was a prominent figure in the history of that time.

James O. Hutchinson spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home, acquiring his education in the public schools and in the naval academy. He acted as Lieutenant for five years, from 1860 until 1865, and then became Chief Clerk in the office of the Adjutant-General of New York. There he remained until 1880. Two years later he formed a connection with the firm of Thomas Cook & Sons, which has continued up to the present time, and which has seen him advanced from one position to another, until he is now General Agent for all western territory, having entered upon the duties of that position on the 20th of April, 1893,

Thomas Cook & Sons are general steamship and railway agents, and secure passage for sin-

gle tourists or parties visiting any known point on the face of the globe. They have their agents in all countries, who make the traveling arrangements, and secure a hotel and other accommodations for visitors, thus giving the tourist time for sight-seeing which otherwise would be largely taken up in planning and executing the trip. They also issue letters of credit and do all exchange business with the banks.

Mr. Hutchinson himself has made several trips to distant lands, has visited Asia, spent some time in India, China and Egypt, and has seen many of the points of interest, historical and otherwise, in Europe. He expects soon to start for Japan, where he will spend seven months among one of the most interesting peoples known.

In his social relations, he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, and in his political affiliations is a Democrat. His life has been a busy one, and he well merits the confidence and trust reposed in him by the company with which he is now connected. His position is a responsible one, for he is agent for the entire Western Territory, and attends to all the business of this section of the country.

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## CLARK A. COOLEY.

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**C**LARK A. COOLEY is the efficient Clerk of Elk Grove Township, Cook County. He resides on section 16, and is numbered among the prominent farmers of the community. His entire life has been spent in this locality, and an honorable, upright career has gained him the high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He was born in Elk Grove Township, this county, September 21, 1847, and comes of an old New England family. His father, Charles Cooley, was a native of Vermont, and emigrated to Illinois in 1845, locating in Elk Grove Township, where he took up a claim from

the Government and began the development of a farm, transforming the raw prairie into rich and fertile fields. There he carried on agricultural pursuits and made his home until his death, which occurred in 1884, in his sixty-fourth year. In politics, he was a Democrat, and served as School Director. Mrs Cooley, who bore the maiden name of Clara Green, is a native of Massachusetts, and is yet living, at the age of seventy-two. Both families were of English origin.

In the Cooley family were seven children, our subject, who is the eldest, being the only son. The daughters were: Kittie, wife of William

Higgins, of Elk Grove Township; Mary, who died at the age of six years; Sarah, widow of John B. Weeks, and a resident of Beadle County, S. Dak.; Addie, who died at the age of a year and a-half; Clara, wife of John Carson, a resident of Iowa; and Mary, who is engaged in teaching school, and makes her home in Arlington Heights.

C. A. Cooley spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the usual manner of farmer lads, and in the schools of Elk Grove Township acquired a good English education. From an early age he has been familiar with all the details of farming, for as soon as old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields, and to agricultural pursuits has since devoted his energies. In his dealing, he has been quite successful. His farm comprises one hundred and fifty-six acres of valuable land, and is considered one of the best in the township, for the fields are well tilled, and it is supplied with all modern accessories and conveniences. In connection with general farming, the

owner also carries on stock-raising and dealing, and has met with success in this line.

In 1871, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cooley and Miss Rosa J. Crego, a native of New York, who, when a maiden of twelve summers, removed with her parents to Arlington Heights, Ill. There her girlhood days were passed. Two children grace this union, a son and daughter, Frank A. and Anna E., both of whom are still at home.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Cooley is a Republican, and in 1893 was elected Clerk of his township, which position he is now creditably filling. He has also served as School Director, and has filled other offices. Having spent his entire life in this community, Mr. Cooley has witnessed the many changes which have taken place in the county, has seen its growth and upbuilding, and has aided in its development. He has ever been a progressive and public-spirited man, and is recognized as a valued citizen.

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## LOUIS VOLTZ.

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**L**OUIS VOLTZ, who is successfully engaged in farming on section 10, Northfield Township, Cook County, claims Germany as the land of his birth. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, September 30, 1833, and is the second in order of birth in a family of six children whose parents were Louis and Elizabeth Voltz. They were also natives of Germany. In the common schools of the neighborhood our subject acquired his education. No event of special importance occurred during his boyhood and youth, which were quietly passed in his father's home. Having arrived at years of maturity, he determined to seek his fortune in America, and in 1857 crossed the Atlantic to the New World. He made his way direct to Chicago, and thence removed to McHenry County, Ill., where he secured work as a farm hand by the

month. When he had acquired a sufficient capital, he purchased land in Jefferson Township, Cook County, and began farming in his own interest. For a time he continued the cultivation and improvement of that tract, but at length sold out, and in 1870 purchased the farm on which he now resides in Northfield Township.

Mr. Voltz was married in Jefferson Township in 1862, the lady of his choice being Miss Margaret Kilwy, a native of Germany, who at the age of fourteen years left the Fatherland and came to the United States. By the union of this worthy couple were born the following children: Louis, who is now deceased; William, who is married; Katie, who has passed away; Charlie, at home; Emma, deceased; Emma, the second of that name; Edward, Walter, Sophia, Ella, George, Frank,



Richard and Albert, all of whom are yet under the parental roof. The children were all born in Cook County, and nine of the number are still at home.

Mr. Voltz now carries on general farming, and is the owner of one hundred and six acres of good land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. He has also made many good improvements upon his farm, and its neat and thrifty appearance indicates his careful supervision. His life has been a busy one, and as the result of his energy and untiring labors he has become the possessor of a comfortable property. He may truly be called a self-made man.

In religious belief, Mr. Voltz is a Lutheran, and in politics is a Republican, having supported his party by his ballot for many years. He has held the office of School Director for a long period, and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend. For six years he served as Township Commissioner, and is now Township Treasurer. In September, 1883, he was elected Supervisor of Northfield Township, and has held that position continuously since, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity that have not only caused his retention in office, but have also won him the high commendation of all concerned.

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## A. SOHM.

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**A** SOHM is at the head of one of the leading engraving establishments of Chicago, and is doing a good business, which has been secured through excellent workmanship, courteous treatment and honorable dealing. His success is therefore well deserved. Mr. Sohm claims Austria as the land of his birth, which occurred in 1862. His father, Joseph Sohm, was also a native of Austria. Under the parental roof our subject was reared to manhood, the days of his boyhood being quietly passed. The schools of the vicinity afforded him his educational privileges, and when he had mastered the common branches of learning, he turned his attention to business pursuits, whereby he might earn his own livelihood. For some time he engaged in block-cutting.

At length Mr. Sohm resolved to try his fortune in America, for he had heard much of its advantages and privileges, and believed that he might thereby benefit his financial condition. In 1881 he crossed the ocean to the New World, and on his arrival in America learned the engraving business in the establishment of the Acme Engraving Company, of Chicago. He spent three years in mastering the trade, becoming a most excellent workman, and then for five years fol-

lowed that vocation in the employ of other firms in the city.

It was in 1888 that Mr. Sohm embarked in business for himself, being then located on La Salle Street. About a year later, however, he removed to the *Staats Zeitung* Building, where he has now been for the past four years. He engages in mechanical engraving, and the artistic work which he turns out has secured for him a liberal patronage. He is recognized as one of the best engravers in the city, and his high reputation is well deserved.

In the year 1891, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Sohm and Miss Gertrude Bruh. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church, and in the social circles in which they move they have many friends who esteem them highly. In his political views, our subject is a supporter of the Democracy, but has never been an aspirant for public office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to other interests. It proved a fortunate day for him when he determined to leave his native land and make a home in the New World, and he has never yet had occasion to regret the change, for he has here won a prosperity that would probably not have come to him had he remained upon his native soil.

## MATHIAS HOFFMAN.

MATHIAS HOFFMAN, a prosperous and highly respected farmer of Niles Township, Cook County, residing on section 18, was born on the 25th of July, 1825, on the River Rhine, in Prussia, and is a son of Peter and Susannah (Saul) Hoffman, both of whom were born in Prussia in the year 1799. The grandfather, Mathias Hoffman, was also a native of the same country and was a farmer by occupation. In 1842, the parents with their children turned their faces toward the setting sun and started for the New World. They crossed the Atlantic in a sailing-vessel and made their way to Chicago, taking up their residence on the northwest quarter of section 18, Niles Township, Cook County, where the father purchased a farm of ninety-five acres, paying \$3 per acre. At his death in 1846, he was the possessor of two hundred and sixty acres, a valuable and desirable place.

The children born to Peter and Susannah Hoffman were: Mathias; John, who was a farmer of Northfield Township; Michael, who lives in Des Plaines; Marguerite; Nicholas, a farmer of Niles Township; and Mrs. Catherine Schmelzer. John and Marguerite are deceased.

Mathias Hoffman was in his seventeenth year when, with the family, he bade adieu to the Fatherland and came to the United States. In Niles Township he has since made his home, and during the long years which have since passed his honorable, upright life has made him many friends. He was married on the 7th of September, 1850, to Miss Barbara Harsom, daughter of John Harsom, a farmer and a native of Bavaria. The lady was born September 19, 1828, and by their union have been born five children, who in order of birth are as follows: William, who was born September 11, 1851, and is now a carpenter of South

Evanston; John, born February 24, 1853, who is now living retired at Gross Point; Nicholas, a farmer of Northfield Township, born October 19, 1854; Catherine, who was born March 23, 1857, and is now the wife of James Dalton, of South Chicago; and Marguerite, who was born March 11, 1859, and is the wife of Anton Mayer, a farmer of Hamlet, Indiana.

Mr. Hoffman received as his portion of his father's estate forty acres of the old home place and twelve acres of timber-land. All his other property has been acquired through his own efforts. By perseverance and untiring industry, he has made life a success and has acquired a handsome competency. Some years since he gave to each of his children seventy acres of valuable prairie land, and ten acres of timber, save to one daughter, to whom he gave \$7,000 in cash. He has ever been of a liberal and generous nature, free and open-handed with those in whom he takes an interest, and cannot do too much to enhance the happiness and promote the welfare of his family. Although he has transacted a large volume of business, he has never had a lawsuit, but has ever been at peace with all mankind.

The parents and their children are all members of the Catholic Church, and are highly respected, having many friends in this community. In his political views, Mr. Hoffman is a Democrat, and cast his first Presidential vote in 1848. Although he has never been an office-seeker, he has served as Assessor of Niles Township for twenty-four years, has been Road Commissioner six years, and School Director for a quarter of a century. Being a man of excellent judgment, he has made an efficient officer, and his fidelity to duty is well attested by his long service.



## CAPT. THEODORE S. ROGERS.

**C**APT. THEODORE S. ROGERS is one of the leading citizens of Downer's Grove, and an honored veteran of the late war, who wore the blue in defense of the Union, and valiantly followed the Old Flag in many of the most hotly contested battles of that struggle, which not only did away with slavery, but made the Union more indissoluble than before. The Captain was born in Morristown, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., August 30, 1831. The family is of English lineage. The father, Joseph I. Rogers, was a native of Rhode Island. Removing to the Empire State, he there married Caroline Smith, who was born in New York, and was also of English extraction. Her father was a well-educated man, and kept a hotel in New York for a number of years. In 1844 Mr. Rogers came with his family to Illinois, making the journey by water to Chicago, where he hired a team, with which he came to DuPage County. Here he purchased a farm, upon which he spent his remaining days. He was a stanch Republican, and took quite an active part in local politics. His death occurred in this county, at the age of sixty-two years. He was the only son of the family who lived to any age, but has a sister, Mrs. Julia Aldrich, who is now living in this county, at the advanced age of ninety-five years. The mother of our subject still survives her husband, and although now in her eighty-third year, her mental and physical faculties are well preserved.

The Rogers family numbered six children, three sons and three daughters, but Ella is now deceased. The others are Mary L., widow of Chauncy Harmon, and a resident of Downer's Grove; Theodore S.; Joseph W., a prosperous

merchant of this place; Francis A., a successful farmer of Downer's Grove Township; and Sarah, wife of John A. Kinley, of Aurora, Ill.

Capt. Rogers spent the first thirteen years of his life in the State of his nativity, and in 1844 came with his parents to Illinois. He remained at home until twenty years of age, when he began teaching school in this county. For twelve winters he followed that profession, while in the summer months his labors were devoted to work upon the home farm. He had attended the common schools, and was graduated from the Downer's Grove High School. On the 19th of July, 1862, prompted by patriotic impulses, he responded to the country's call for troops, and enlisted as a private of the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry. On the organization of Company B, he was elected Captain. The regiment went into camp at Dixon, and was mustered into the United States service September 2, 1862, and sent thence to Louisville and Frankfort, Ky., engaging at the skirmish at the latter place. Capt. Rogers took part in the battles of Bowling Green, Taylor's Ridge, Smoke Creek Gap, and at the battle of Resaca had charge of the skirmish line in front of the assaulters. He led his men at Calhoun, Cassville, the advance on Dallas, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Lookout Mountain, Golgotha, the assault on Kenesaw, the battle of Marietta, Chattahoochee River, Peach Tree Creek, the battle of Atlanta, and the siege of that city. On the 30th of September, 1864, he resigned and was honorably discharged from the service. He participated in many skirmishes and battles, and his war record is one of which he may well be proud.

On the 13th of December, 1855, the Captain

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CAPT. THEO. S. ROGERS.

married Miss Helen M., a daughter of Dexter and Nancy (Capron) Stanley, who were among the early settlers of DuPage County. She was born in Pennsylvania, February 6, 1833, but since her second year has made her home in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers had two children, Bertha and Glen, but both died in infancy.

The Captain was elected Sheriff of DuPage County in 1860, but on entering the service of his country he left reliable deputies to perform the duties of that office. He has served as Supervisor, Township Clerk and Collector. He was a member of the Board of Town Trustees for fourteen years, and, with the exception of one year, was President during that entire time. He cast his first Presidential vote for Scott, but it is needless to say that he is now a stanch Republican, supporting that party which was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery. In 1892 he was appointed by Gov. Fifer on the Board of Equalization to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry L. Bush. He is a prominent Grand Army man, and with the exception of one year has been Commander of Naper Post No. 468, G. A. R., of Downer's Grove, since its organization. At that time he refused to have the office, but, his comrades insisting upon his accepting the position again, he is now the incumbent. He has served as Superintendent of the Agricultural Society of the county for a number

of years, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity of Downer's Grove, and the Royal Arcanum of Hinsdale. He also belongs to the Loyal Legion of Illinois, the last two being societies of the Army of the Cumberland and the Army of the Tennessee.

After his return from the war, the Captain engaged in teaching school for a year, then spent one year in the insurance business, and in July, 1866, embarked in the market and provision business in Chicago. In 1871, in the great fire, he was burned out, and again in 1874, but with characteristic energy he rebuilt, retrieved his losses, and has since successfully carried on business. He now has one of the finest markets in Chicago, located at the corner of Wabash Avenue and Eighteenth Street. His possessions have all been acquired through his own earnings, and he has gained a handsome competence, but instead of using it all for selfish ends, he gives liberally to charitable and benevolent work. The needy are never turned from his door empty-handed, and probably no man has contributed so much to the poor of Downer's Grove as has Capt. Rogers. He has a beautiful home here and several lots and business houses. Throughout DuPage and Cook Counties he has a host of friends, and is held in the highest regard by all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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## CAPT. PETER G. GARDNER.

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**C**APT. PETER G. GARDNER, one of the representative citizens of La Grange, and a man prominent in public affairs in this community, claims Ohio as his native State. He was born near Zanesville, September 12, 1842, and was the second in a family of four children, three sons and a daughter, born unto Adam and Elizabeth Gaertner. The mode of spelling the surname was changed to Gardner by the Captain.

The father was born in Germany, and there grew to mature years. Having married, he came to this country, locating near Zanesville, Ohio. His wife died in 1846, after which the family was scattered, and the father joined an Ohio regiment for service in the Mexican War. He was killed in the siege of the City of Mexico.

Capt. Gardner was only four years of age at the time of his mother's death. He was bound



out to a farmer near Zanesville, and there resided until fifteen years of age, when he began working as a farm hand by the month through the summer season, and in the winter he attended the common schools. On the 17th of April, 1861, he joined Company A, of the Fifteenth Ohio Infantry, for three months' service, being among the first to respond to the call for troops. When that term had expired, he immediately re-enlisted, and was made Corporal March 7, 1862. He was appointed Sergeant January 1, 1864, and was made First Lieutenant February 9, 1865. On the 1st of January, 1864, he again enlisted for another term of three years, if the war continued so long. On the 9th of February, 1865, he was discharged as an enlisted man, to accept a commission as First Lieutenant of his old company and regiment. On the 22d of December, 1865, in Columbus, Ohio, he received his final discharge. He participated in the engagement at Philippi, W. Va., and afterwards took part in the battles of Carricks Ford, Cheat Mountain and Shiloh. He also participated in the engagement at Liberty Gap, Chickamauga and Mission Ridge, and was in the entire campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta, which lasted from May 1 until September 1, 1864. During all that time hardly an hour passed during which the sound of the guns could not be heard. He took part in the engagements at Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, Chattahoochee River, and for five weeks was in the siege of Atlanta. The army then went South, and after the battle of Franklin the regiment in which Mr. Gardner served, which formed a part of the rear-guard, had to destroy the bridge at that place. They then returned to Nashville, Tenn., with Gen. Thomas in command, and participated in the campaign. In June, 1865, Capt. Gardner was sent to western Texas, and during the month of August, with his troops, marched from Matagorda Bay to San Antonio, where he remained on duty until December, 1865. He then marched back to the Gulf of Mexico, after which he returned home. He received no serious wounds, but had some very narrow escapes. He still has in his possession the sword which he carried through the greater part of the

war, and upon it is a large scar that was caused by a piece of shell striking it.

When his country no longer needed his services, Capt. Gardner returned to his home in Zanesville, Ohio, but after a short time went to visit his sister in Mattoon, Ill. The eldest brother of the family, now deceased, was in the Sixth Iowa Infantry. The Captain had not seen him since the home was broken up until the night following the battle of Shiloh, when they chanced to meet. The brother was wounded at the battle of Missionary Ridge, and was a cripple throughout the remainder of his life. George A., another brother, was a member of the same company and regiment as our subject, and is now residing in Chula, Mo., a retired farmer and prominent citizen of that place, where he is engaged in the banking business. Their sister, Catherine, is now the wife of Henry Hortinstine, a farmer residing in Chillicothe, Mo.

Removing to Clinton, Iowa, in 1866, Capt. Gardner there engaged in the fire-insurance business until 1869, when he went to Chicago, where he followed the same pursuit and where he is still engaged in business. In the spring of 1871, he came to where the town of LaGrange now stands, being the first resident of the village. Purchasing a lot on the prairie, he has made this place his home continuously since.

In June, 1869, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gardner and Miss Maroa E. Conklin, of Darien, Wis., who died in 1873, leaving one son, Charles A., who is now in the Treasurer's office of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, filling a responsible position. Our subject was again married, in December, 1874, his second union being with Miss Luella W. Humphry, of Portland, Me. They had five children, but three of the number died in infancy, and William R., a young man of much promise, died at the age of seventeen. Eugene, the youngest, is a lad of eleven years.

Mr. Gardner takes considerable interest in civic societies, especially in Masonry, in which he has taken the Thirty-second Degree. He is a member of the LaGrange Lodge, and an honorary member of Garden City Lodge of Chicago. He

belongs to the Commandery of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and to the Grand Army of the Republic. He was one of the organizers of Hiram McClintock Post No. 667, G. A. R., of La Grange, and was its first Commander. He also organized the Masonic lodge at this place, was its Master for six years, and is now High Priest of the Chapter. With the Royal Arcanum he is also connected. In his political views, he is a stanch Republican, who always gives his support to the men and measures of his party. He is now serving as Secretary of the High School Board, is Secretary and

Treasurer of the Music Hall Association of La Grange, is a warm friend to education, and is a patron of all those enterprises which are calculated to uplift humanity. He is now doing a large insurance business in Chicago, and has the respect and esteem of all who know him. He is an honored member of various societies, and has won prominence through merit and ability. He was ever true to his country in her hour of peril, and for four years and a-half was actively engaged in her service, faithfully defending the Old Flag which now floats so proudly over the united nation.

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## N. STARR CARRINGTON.

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**N** STARR CARRINGTON, who resides upon a farm on section 18, Lyons Township, is numbered among the pioneer settlers of Cook County of 1836. His residence therefore in this community covers a period of fifty-seven years. He was born in Middletown, Conn., on the 12th of December, 1816, and is a son of Henry and Susan (Starr) Carrington, both of whom were of English descent. The Starr family was founded in America in 1634. The grandfather, Nathan Starr, served in the Revolutionary War. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carrington were born seven children, as follows: Susan, Elizabeth, Mary, Henry, Starr, Lorrana and William, but our subject is now the only one living. While in the East, the father served as cashier of the Middletown Bank. At length he determined to seek a home on the broad prairies of the West, and emigrated to Chicago, then a small town, giving little or no evidence of its future growth and importance. He there engaged in the brokerage business in connection with E. K. Hubbard until 1837, when he removed to the farm of three hundred and twenty acres which he had purchased of B. Jacobs for \$12.50 per acre the year previous. Upon this farm he made his home until 1840, when he re-

turned to Middletown, Conn., and became Treasurer and Secretary of the Savings Bank of that place. He was entirely a self-made man, and for the success of his life deserves great credit. With the Congregational Church he held membership, and his career was an honorable, upright one. He died at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

In the schools of his native town, Mr. Carrington of this sketch acquired a good business education and under the parental roof he spent his childhood days. With his father he came to Illinois, but he remained in Chicago only a short time. On leaving that place he took up his residence upon the farm which is now his home. There were no improvements upon the place, save a log cabin, which is still standing, one of the few landmarks that yet remain. Chicago was the nearest trading-point and they hauled all their grain and farm produce to that place. When he first reached that city, Mr. Carrington boarded at the old Lake Street Hotel. There was not a bridge in the place, and many portions that are now solidly built up with fine residences or business houses were then only wet prairie. Mr. Carrington now owns two hundred and twenty



acres of good land, and carries on general farming and stock-raising. Idleness is utterly foreign to his nature, and a busy and well-spent life has brought him a comfortable competence.

On the 16th of August, 1841, Mr. Carrington was joined in marriage with Miss Laura Butler, and unto them have been born eight children, namely: William H., now deceased; Susan; Mary; Elizabeth; William H.; Lorriana, deceased; Laura and Edward.

In his political affiliations, in early life, Mr. Carrington was a Whig, and since the organization of the Republican party has been one of its staunch supporters. He has been honored with

some public offices, has served as Commissioner, for the past twelve years has filled the office of Justice of the Peace, and is the present incumbent. The best interests of the community have ever found in him a friend. His co-operation and support are given to worthy enterprises, and all that is calculated to benefit the community receives his assistance. The history of Cook County is well known to him, for since its early days he has watched its growth and advancement. He may truly be classed among the honored pioneers, and it is with pleasure that we present to our readers the sketch of this worthy gentleman.

## WESLEY POLK.

**W**ESLEY POLK was a native of Kentucky. He was born in Jefferson County, on the 4th of November, 1818, and was one of six children whose parents were Edmund and Margaret Polk. Their children were H. H., James, William, Wesley and Wilson, but Henry H. is the only one now living.

Our subject was born and reared upon the home farm in Kentucky, and acquired the greater part of his education outside the school-room. He began life for himself when a young man, and was afterward dependent upon his own resources. In 1831 he left the State of his nativity and removed to Indiana, where he made his home until 1833, when he came to Illinois, making the journey by wagon. He located in Lyons Township, where he purchased a tract of wild, uncultivated land on section 21, upon which a log cabin was built. He was accompanied by his parents and family, and they experienced all the hardships and trials of life on the frontier. The Indians were still numerous in the settlement, and Chicago was the trading-point of the pioneers.

Mr. Polk grew to manhood upon the new farm, and there made his home until 1849, when, in

connection with his brother H. H., and three other young men, they started with pack mules for California. They walked much of the distance, but at length after traveling for several months reached their destination. There Mr. Polk engaged in prospecting and mining from 1849 until 1851. His trip proved quite a successful one, and he returned home by way of New York City and the water route. He then came back to the farm, and to agricultural pursuits devoted his energies until the breaking out of the war, when, in 1861, prompted by patriotic impulses, he responded to the country's call for troops. He enlisted as a private, was assigned to Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Illinois Infantry, and was mustered into service in Chicago. He faithfully followed the Old Flag for three years, and during that time was never either wounded or taken prisoner, but was always found at his post of duty, participating in all the engagements in which the regiment took part, a faithful and valiant defender of the Union. When mustered out he held the rank of Corporal.

When the war was over, Mr. Polk returned to the old farm, where he lived until 1881. He then

purchased the farm now owned by the family. It comprised one hundred and ninety acres of rich and valuable land, under a high state of cultivation and well improved with all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm. Mr. Polk began life a poor boy, but his career was a successful one, for he was diligent and enterprising and possessed good business ability.

In 1860 Mr. Polk was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Bielby. Her birthplace was near Utica, N. Y. They had only one child, Edmund R., who was born March 7, 1866. He attended the public schools and was graduated from the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago. On the 14th of January, 1891, he married Miss Agnes Little, and they have become the parents of one son, Wesley W. Edmund now carries on the

home farm and is a wide-awake and enterprising agriculturist.

The father was called to his final rest May 23, 1893, and his remains are interred in Lyonsville Cemetery. He had the respect of all who knew him and his death was deeply mourned. In politics, he was a stalwart advocate of the Republican party and its principles, and did all in his power to insure its success. For fourteen successive years he creditably and ably filled the office of Justice of the Peace, was Township Collector, and also served as Supervisor. Socially, he was a member of the Grand Army post, and in religious belief he was a Congregationalist. Alike true in public and private life, and faithful to every trust, he had the confidence and regard of all with whom business or social relations brought him in contact.

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## CARTER H. HARRISON, JR.

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**C**ARTER H. HARRISON, JR., the editor of the *Chicago Times*, the leading Democratic newspaper of the city, has spent his entire life here, with the exception of three years spent in Germany and the time passed in college. The Harrison family has been prominently connected with the city's interests since an early day, and the ancestors of our subject were among those who aided in achieving the independence of this country. The family originated in England, and some of its members came from that country to the United States in the seventeenth century, locating in Virginia. It had several representatives in the Colonial army during the Revolutionary War, and Gen. William Russell, one of the maternal ancestors of our subject, won his title during that eight-years struggle. Benjamin Harrison, who first came to America, was a man of prominence in Virginia, and served as Colonial Governor. For three generations after him the blood was transmitted through a Benjamin Harrison.

The fourth Benjamin had two sons, Benjamin and Carter. In direct line the descendants of the former are William Henry, Scott H. and Benjamin. Of the latter they are Robert Carter, Carter H., Carter H. (the late Mayor of the city), Carter H., Jr., of this sketch, and his little son, who also bears the name of Carter H.

The gentleman whose name heads this record was born in Chicago, on the 23d of April, 1860. His father had located here several years previous, and from that time until his death was actively connected with the welfare of the city. The son was educated in private schools until 1873, when he went to Germany. In 1876, he attended college in New York, and later was graduated from St. Ignatius' College, of Chicago. He afterwards entered Yale College, and completed the law course in that renowned institution in the Class of '83.

Returning to his home, Mr. Harrison then embarked in the real-estate business, and carried on



operations along that line for a number of years, when, in 1891, in connection with his father, he bought out the Chicago *Times*, and assumed charge of the editorial department of the paper. The *Times* is too well known to need mention here. It is an old paper, yet its success and high reputation have been greatly increased since Mr. Harrison's connection with it.

In the year 1887, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Edith Ogden, daughter of Robert N. Ogden, of New Orleans, La., and to them has been born a son, who was named for his father and grandfather. Mr. Harrison holds membership with the University Club and the Chicago

Athletic Club. His connection with the *Times* at once indicates his political views to be Democratic. He is well known in his native city, his father's prominence having brought him a wide acquaintance among leading people, while his own qualities have gained for him their high regard and esteem. He possesses the same attractive manner for which the Harrison family is noted. Although yet a young man, he is recognized as one of the leading and influential citizens of the second city in the Union, and whether he should continue in newspaper work or leave the journalistic field he is sure to occupy a position of importance.

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## CHRISTIAN THIELE.

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CHRISTIAN THIELE, a well-known citizen of Proviso Township, this county, is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Hanover, on the 19th of January, 1834. His boyhood and youth were quietly passed; the common schools afforded him his educational privileges, and in his native land he learned the carpenter's trade. Thinking to better his financial condition by emigrating to the New World, in 1850 he sailed for America, and after a voyage of nine weeks landed in New York City. During the trip across the water he served as the ship's carpenter. He left home with a capital of \$50, which his father gave him, and with this he started out in life in the United States, a stranger in a strange land. After remaining in New York City for a short time, he took an emigrant train to Chicago.

On reaching that place, Mr. Thiele found that his money was exhausted, but he soon secured employment as a carpenter, and thus worked for about eighteen months. He then went to what is now Addison, and worked at his chosen trade, building houses for the farmers of that locality for a period of about nine years. With the capi-

tal thus acquired, he purchased a ten-acre tract of land where the village of Proviso now stands, and has here made his home continuously since. He rented an additional tract, and turned his attention to farming, which he carries on in connection with the hay business.

In 1857, Mr. Thiele was joined in marriage with Miss Minnie Summerman, of Cook County, and unto them were born two children: Henry, who is now carrying on a grocery on Madison Street, in Oak Park, Chicago; and Sophia, wife of William Ruchty, a resident of Fullersburg. In the year 1872, the mother of this family was called to her final rest, and in 1874 Mr. Thiele was again married, his second union being with Miss Margaret Bernard, by whom he has two children, a son and daughter, Arno and Lizzie, both at home.

Mr. Thiele is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Cook County, together with a handsome brick residence, store and saloon, which are valued at \$23,000. He also has a granary worth \$6,000. Everything that he now possesses has been acquired through his own efforts. When he reached Chicago, he

slept for two nights in the depot, for he had not money enough to pay for lodging. Undaunted, however, by the difficulties in his path, he soon secured work, and as he was enabled to save something from his earnings, he made judicious investments of his capital, and is now numbered

among the substantial citizens of this community. He may be truly called a self-made man. In his political views, Mr. Thiele is a Republican, and has served his township as Highway Commissioner.

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## ALBERT F. WEBB.

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**A**LBERT F. WEBB, superintendent of the Stinson Stock Farm at Thornton, was born in Chicago, on the 1st of March, 1863, and is a son of Francis and Amelia (Wheeler) Webb.

The father was a native of England, born near London. In 1861, he took up his residence near Thornton, having that year crossed the Atlantic to America, and upon the farm where he located he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1881, at the age of fifty-one years. His widow still resides on the old homestead. She was born in Oxford, England, and came to America in 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Webb had a family of four children, but two of the number died in childhood. Albert F. and Bessie are the survivors. The father of this family was a well-known citizen of Thornton and vicinity for some years. For a long time he carried on a general store in the village of Thornton and did a good business in that way. At the same time he operated his farm, and it also yielded him a good income. He was not a member of any church, but was an honorable, upright man, and for several years was superintendent of a union Sabbath-school in Thornton, and was always recognized as one of the most useful and esteemed citizens of the place.

Albert F. Webb attended the public schools, where he acquired a fair English education, and at the age of sixteen years he began clerking in a grocery store in Chicago. Thus he started out in life for himself and since that time he has made

his own way in the world. For a year he continued to serve as a salesman, and then began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed for nine years. On the expiration of that period, in the spring of 1890, he became the superintendent of the Stinson Stock Farm at Thornton, which position he yet fills. This farm comprises about seven hundred acres of land and is devoted to the breeding of trotting horses and Jersey cattle. About two hundred and fifty thoroughbred trotters are kept on the farm, most of them bred under the management of Mr. Webb. His stables are extensive, are well lighted and ventilated and are models of convenience in all particulars. They were built under the personal supervision of Mr. Webb and indicate his thorough knowledge of the needs and care of horses. The farm is now a first-class stock-breeding establishment. About thirty men are employed upon the place, including several expert trainers, and altogether it is considered one of the best stock farms in the State. Since locating here Mr. Webb has also superintended the establishment of another stock farm on a similar plan at Highlands, Indiana.

In 1882, was celebrated the marriage of the subject of this sketch and Miss Winnie Wendt, daughter of Frederick Wendt, of Homewood. She was born in Germany, and came with her parents to Cook County when four years of age. Two children were born of their union, but the



son, George, died at the age of ten years. The daughter, Amy, is still with her parents.

Mr. Webb is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Independent Order of Foresters. In politics, he has been a life-long Republican, and is a warm advocate of the principles of his party. He served for two terms as School Direc-

tor of Thornton. His position as Superintendent of the Stinson Stock Farm he has filled for four years, and in its management has given entire satisfaction. He is a systematic farmer and business man, a practical and enthusiastic stockman, and a public-spirited citizen.

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## EDWARD P. FATCH.

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**E**DWARD PATRICK FATCH, Clerk of the village of Wilmette, is a native of Cook County who reflects credit upon the place of his nativity. He was born in Chicago, on Saint Patrick's Day, 1867, and is a son of Theodore J. and Rose (Cassidy) Fatch, the former a native of Albany, New York, and the latter of Ireland.

T. J. Fatch is still a resident of Chicago, where he located in 1844, settling on the West Side, and has ever since been engaged in the dray and express business. He has built up a large business, and employs a number of men and teams. His father was a native of Germany, the name being originally spelled Fach. Mrs. Fatch came to America in 1851, and after living five years in Brooklyn, came to Chicago. Her father, Edward Cassidy, was a Captain in the British army, and lost his life at the battle of Waterloo. His widow, Bridget Cassidy, died in Chicago, at the age of ninety-eight years. Mr. Fatch was born in 1855, and his wife two years later.

Edward P. Fatch was educated at the school attached to the Church of the Holy Family, at Twelfth and Morgan Streets, completing the course before he was eighteen years old. He immediately entered the employ of the North American Accident Insurance Company, and continued one year. For the past nine years he has been

with the Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company, for the last five years in the capacity of manager of its general agency at Chicago. He has supervision of the business of the company all over the West, which is chiefly transacted with railroad employes. His long continuance and steady progress with his present employers attest his faithfulness and business ability.

In 1890 Mr. Fatch took up his residence at Wilmette, where he built a handsome home, and in April, 1895, he was elected Clerk of the village. Since August, 1894, he has been the Wilmette correspondent of the *North Shore News*. He is a progressive, public-spirited citizen, and takes an intelligent interest in the affairs of his native country. He keeps thoroughly informed on all questions of the day, and adheres to the Republican party in matters of public policy, because its principles and practice exemplify his ideas of good government. He is a member of Ouilmette Council of the Royal Arcanum.

May 27, 1889, he was married to Miss Lavinia M. Bruno, and they are the parents of one child, Rose Louise, aged five years. Mrs. Fatch is a native of Geneva, Illinois, and is a daughter of John and Louise M. Bruno. Her father died from wounds received in the service of the United States during the Civil War.

## HENRY GREENEBAUM.

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**H**ENRY GREENEBAUM, a well-known business man of Chicago of long years' standing, is descended from very ancient and honorable families. His grandfather, Elias Greenebaum, was an iron merchant at Reipolskirchen, in Rhenish Bavaria. It is notable that this line of mercantile industry has been continued to the present, one of the leading iron houses of Chicago having been until recently conducted by great-grandsons of Elias Greenebaum. Being a Jew, the last-named was at a great social disadvantage in Germany, yet such were his energy, capability and integrity, that he was appointed Treasurer of his county. This position involved great responsibility at that time, owing to the existence in the neighborhood of a powerful bandit, who commanded a strong organization of followers, whom he ruled with despotic power. He was known by the nickname of "Schinderhannes," and acted much upon the plan of the Robin Hood of English history, who took from the rich and gave largely to the poor. For many years he was a terror to the people and officers of the region where he flourished, but was finally captured and beheaded at Mainz. During his term of official life Elias Greenebaum was compelled to maintain a strong guard about his premises continually to protect the public funds, as well as his own, from attacks of the robber king.

Jacob Greenebaum and Sarah Herz, parents of the subject of this biography, were cousins, and grandchildren of "Jakob," of Rathskirchen, who was born in the early part of the eighteenth century, and whose descendants have been

active and prominent citizens in many lands. One of his sons, Herz Felsenthal, was a delegate to the synod held in Paris in 1806, by decree of Napoleon I. It was during this time that the Jews in Germany took surnames, and this family assumed that of Felsenthal. Among Jakob's great-grandchildren were Dr. Felsenthal, an eminent physician of Darmstadt, who died in 1885, and Dr. Greenebaum, who was Rabbi *emeritus* at Landau, Bavaria, and died in 1893. Dr. B. Felsenthal, of Chicago, now in his seventy-fifth year, and long known here as a man of science and public spirit, is one of the great-great-grandchildren; so also is August Blum, Cashier of the Union National Bank of Chicago; Eli B. Felsenthal, an attorney-at-law, and a Trustee of the Chicago University; also Mrs. Hannah Greenebaum Solomon, President of the National Council of Jewish Women of America. A niece of Mrs. Solomon, and representing the sixth generation from Jakob, was married in San Diego, California, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Lesem, in 1894.

Jacob Greenebaum was born at Reipolskirchen, and lost his father by death when he was six years old. He was brought up to commercial pursuits, having the advantage of a thorough education in the German, French and Hebrew languages, and became a merchant at Eppelsheim, in the Grand Duchy of Darmstadt. He possessed a taste for agriculture, and gradually came into possession of land in the Commune of Eppelsheim and adjoining territory, until he owned and managed a large estate. His wife, of sacred memory,



was a daughter of Michael and Jetta (Felsen-thal) Herz, of Eppelsheim, where Mr. Herz was a veterinary surgeon and a livestock dealer. They were able to give their children the benefit of the best schools, and did not fail to thus perform their duty in preparing them for the stations for which they were fitted by birth and capability. In 1852 Mr. Greenebaum sold his possessions and came to Chicago to be near his sons, three of whom had preceded him by several years. He did not engage in active business after coming here, but made real-estate purchases and built a number of houses for rent. He died in 1870, at the age of seventy-three years, and was followed to the grave by a very large concourse of people, the large courthouse bell being tolled as the procession moved, May 11, 1870. His wife survived him thirteen years, reaching the age of eighty-seven years. Eight of their thirteen children came to America, the others having died before the removal of their parents from Eppelsheim, several of them in infancy. Elias, the eldest, is a prominent banker in Chicago. Michael, the second, was an iron merchant, and did an extensive business in Chicago, where he died in 1894, leaving a widow and a large and interesting family of sons and daughters. He came to America in 1846, and to Chicago the next year. Jacob, the third, died here in 1871, and Isaac in 1885. The latter was a hardware merchant, and later in life became a broker in Chicago. Henry is the next in order of birth. Hannah died while the wife of Gerhard Foreman, an old-time banker of this city. Barbara is the wife of A. Wise, of Chicago; and David S., the youngest of the family, is engaged in the banking business in the same city. Elias, Michael and Henry preceded the rest of the family to Chicago.

Henry Greenebaum was born at Eppelsheim, Germany, June 18, 1833. He received his primary education in the public schools, where he early attracted the favorable notice of the teachers and school officers. He then took up the classics at Alzey and Kaiserslautern, and only left off his literary researches when he started for America. He arrived in Chicago October 25, 1848, and at once took employment as a hardware sales-

man in the establishment of W. F. Dominick, who conducted a strictly cash and one-price business. Young Greenebaum found this employment congenial, especially as its conduct harmonized with his ideas of integrity and sound financial management. After two years of service, in which he did not fail to improve his opportunities, he engaged as clerk in the banking house of General R. K. Swift. Here he met many prominent citizens of the state, and his intercourse with them enhanced his knowledge of men and affairs. He was inspired with a laudable ambition to become a man of business, and he so applied himself as to be thoroughly conversant with banking in the course of four years, during which time he made a trip to Europe and formed business connections for his employer.

At the end of this period, in connection with his elder brother, Elias, a clerk in the same bank, he opened a similar business on his own account. In fact, all of the Greenebaum brothers, except Jacob, became at one time or another bankers, though not in the same bank. The subject of this sketch did not follow the limited lines of nationality or religious affiliation, but fraternized with New Englanders and Southerners, as well as the natives of the Fatherland. He was a reader and lover of books, and joined the Young Men's Library Association, in whose affairs he was an active officer, with Robert Collyer and others, until the Great Fire. He was among the early officers of the Athenæum, another literary institution after the fire, and was among the promoters of the City Library. As a member of the committee of which the late Thomas Hoyne was Chairman, he went to Springfield and aided in securing the permanent establishment of this great institution, which has grown to be one of the most important and valuable establishments of the city of his home.

He became President of the German-National Bank, which was compelled by the panic of 1877 to close its doors after a long-continued run, in which it paid eighty per cent. of its liabilities in cash, and within a comparatively short time paid the balance, with interest. The German Savings Bank, of which he was also President, had

a similar experience at the same time, and met its liabilities in the same honorable manner. The aggregate deposits of these banks in the time of their highest prosperity approximated five millions of dollars.

In his social and benevolent activities Mr. Greenebaum has accomplished a stupendous work, the simple enumeration of which almost exceeds the capacity of this article. His great heart and wide popularity are evidenced by the mere mention of these associations. He is a life member of the Chicago Historical Society, the Academy of Sciences, the Astronomical Society, and of several kindred associations. Through secret and benevolent societies he has been permitted to do more for his fellows than often falls in the way of a single man. All Jewish interests, congregational, charitable and educational, owe a heavy debt to the tireless energy and enthusiasm of Mr. Greenebaum. In 1855, at Cleveland, Ohio, he joined the nearest lodge of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, and two years later took a card of withdrawal in order to assist in instituting Rammah Lodge Number 33, of that fraternity, in Chicago. He was an active member of District Lodge Number 2 for ten years, and one of the founders of the Cleveland Orphan Asylum, of whose Board of Trustees he is still a member. At the convention of the order in 1868, at New York, as a member of the Committee on Constitution, he was largely instrumental in placing the entire body upon a Democratic basis, establishing the sovereignty of lodges. At that convention a charter was granted to District Grand Lodge Number 6, of which he became the first Grand President by unanimous choice, and twice succeeded himself. His usefulness in these and other matters is well known to the great body of the Jewish people in Chicago, and has become almost as well established in foreign lands. In June, 1885, he assisted Julius Bien, President of this order, in instituting District Grand Lodge Number 8 at Berlin, Germany. Five years later he was in attendance at the convention of the order at Richmond, Virginia, representing the Berlin District Grand Lodge, and in May, 1895, represented District No. 9, Roumania, at the conven-

tion in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has delivered many addresses in various conventions, the last being at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in February, 1892, upon "Knowledge and Character." His spoken and written matter is always clear and effective. He is an officer of the Jewish Training School, a Director in the German Altenheim, and holds membership in many other organizations.

In the purely religious institutions of his people in Chicago he has ever been foremost and efficient. Before he was of age he was Secretary of the congregation B'nai Sholom. In 1855 he withdrew to join that of Anshe Maarib, and was elected an honorary member of the congregation of B'nai Sholom. He was one of a minority in Anshe Maarib who proposed a modification of forms of Jewish worship, and was associated with Levi Rosenfeld and Lazarus Silverman as a committee to make the desired changes in the official ritual. Although the majority were favorable to their report, Mr. Greenebaum would not consent to its adoption by a mere majority, and according to his desire the reformers were induced to go out and form a new congregation, which is now known as Sinai, and is the strongest congregation in Chicago. In 1864 Mr. Greenebaum was the founder of Zion Temple on the West Side, and was its President seven years. In 1882 he was requested to take charge again, which he did for two years, and during this time the movement was started for the building of the beautiful temple of the society erected at Washington Boulevard and Ogden Avenue. In the fall of 1895 a large number of co-religionists living south of Thirty-ninth Street united to organize the Isaiah Temple, a Jewish Reform congregation, with Dr. Joseph Stoltz as Rabbi, and Mr. Greenebaum was elected the first President of the congregation by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Greenebaum was one of the foremost in placing on a firm foundation the United Hebrew Charities, formerly known as the United Hebrew Relief Association. It built and maintained a hospital on La Salle Avenue. At the laying of its corner-stone, when Mayor John B. Rice was the only speaker beside Mr. Greenebaum, the latter said: "While it is true that it is to be built and when



completed will be maintained by the Jews of Chicago, yet its doors will ever be open to any poor or sick man, without any reference to nationality, denomination, creed or color;" and his utterance was deeply applauded by the Jewish people present. He takes a just pride in the fact that he is an honorary member of Johanna Lodge, the leading organization of Jewish ladies in Chicago, devoted to charity and intellectual culture. He is also President of the Past-Presidents' Association of District Grand Lodge Number 6, I.O.B.B., and for thirty years officiated in Zion Temple as reader on the most important Jewish holiday, the eve of the Day of Atonement.

As early as 1856 he took an active part in organizing several German societies, and was President of the German Aid Society in 1861. He was the first President of the Orpheus Mannaerchor, in 1869. On account of his services in furthering the war for the preservation of the American Union, he is an honorary member of the Eighty-second Illinois Veteran Association. During the Civil War he maintained a recruiting office in Chicago at his own expense, and furnished a man to serve in the army as his representative. He was Chief Marshal on the following occasions: the Siegel Festival in 1862; the great Peace Jubilee of 1871; the opening of Humboldt Park by the German people; and the unveiling of the Humboldt monument. He was Division Marshal at the unveiling of the Fritz Reuter monument, and was Adjutant-General on German Day at the World's Fair in 1893, and also at the recent commemoration of the German victory at Sedan. It will thus be seen that he is and has been for forty years a prominent representative of the best German element in Chicago.

Mr. Greenebaum has never been a politician, and holds broad and liberal views on political, as well as religious, questions. He originally affiliated with the Democratic party, and was a warm admirer of Stephen A. Douglas, whose personal friend he was. Without his previous knowledge, he was placed on the Democratic electoral ticket in 1860. His only political office previous to that was that of Alderman from the Sixth Ward, defeating in the election the "know-

nothing" candidate. In the City Council he acted as Chairman of the Finance Committee. After the war he became a Republican, and was chosen Elector-at-Large on the Presidential ticket of that party in 1872. With Charles B. Farwell, he represented Cook County on the first Equalization Board of the state, and the clear financial ideas of these two gentlemen enabled the first board to complete its business in five days. He was appointed by Governor Palmer a delegate to a national convention at Indianapolis to devise means for protecting European immigrants, and was a member of the committee which laid the matter before Congress. He was a member of the Committee on Finance to make preliminary arrangements for the Philadelphia Exposition of 1876. He was active in promoting the adoption of Chicago's park system, and was appointed a member of the West Chicago Park Commission in 1869, and was once re-appointed. He was one of the first promoters of direct trade between Chicago and Europe, and for many years his letters-of-credit were readily cashed throughout the civilized world.

In 1855 Mr. Greenebaum was married, in New York, to Miss Emily Hyman, whose birthplace is not far from that of her husband. Having been trained in the same manner and under the same customs, they have been happily united all these years in aim and thought, and are warmly welcomed in general, as well as Jewish, society. Mrs. Greenebaum sympathizes wholly with her husband's benevolent disposition, and does her part in aiding him. For twenty-two years she has been the representative of the Jewish people in the directory of the Home for the Friendless, and has fulfilled her duties in perfect accord with her associates. The only child of this couple, born August 24, 1856, was named George Washington, and died on the day which completed his first year of life. Several orphaned children of relatives have been reared by Mr. and Mrs. Greenebaum with the same loving care which their own would have received had he been spared to them.

Though still influenced much by his early German training, Mr. Greenebaum is a true Ameri-

can, loyal through and through. He is a student of literature and modern languages, of which he speaks half a dozen, and is much interested in music. He has contributed liberally to the musical culture of Chicago, and to providing a home for musical art. He is a firm believer in the power of woman in the ethical development of the world, and approves of every effort to remove her trammels and make her the equal of man in liberties and power, as she is in talent.

Mr. Greenebaum is a resident Manager at Chi-

cago of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, and has been connected with the company since the spring of 1882. His sterling character and business activity have secured for him a large business from the best element of Chicago, and won for him a deserved respect and confidence on the part of the general officers of the society. Although in his sixty-third year, he is a special favorite of the young people, to whom he is sympathetic and congenial as an associate. He is an optimist, and always pleasant and agreeable.

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## PROF. DAVID S. SMITH, M. D.

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**P**ROF. D. S. SMITH, M. D., late President of the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, was born in Camden, New Jersey, April 28, 1816. His father, Isaac Smith, was born in Salem County, of that state. His mother's family name was Wheaton, a family of Welsh extraction. The sturdy, manly principles which mark the career of Professor Smith are largely due to the character he inherited from his parents. They were both noted for great force of character, and they trained their children in ways of strict righteousness and integrity. Besides this training, David received from his parents a nature full of energy and perseverance, attributes which were strong factors in leading him to a grand success in the field of labor he eventually chose as his life work. From his mother, particularly, he received a taste for learning that led him to become a most diligent student. He made rapid progress in his studies, and early evinced a strong inclination for the study of medicine. In this he was encouraged, and when only seventeen became a medical student in the office of Dr. Isaac Mulford, of Camden, New Jersey. He attended three full terms of lectures at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, and graduated in 1836.

Chicago, at that time, began to attract the enterprising youth of the East, and Dr. Smith, with his references, began practice in Chicago. He was successful from the start, and in 1837 went back to Camden to visit his parents. It was a momentous visit, as it was then that Dr. Smith attained the first insight into the then new doctrine of homœopathy. So interested did he become in the subject, that he resolved to investigate it thoroughly. He bought all the books he could find in the English language treating upon the matter, and brought them with him when he returned to Chicago. Circumstances led him to Joliet for a time, and there he studied assiduously the doctrines of Hahnemann. The world to-day knows the result of his researches. Dr. Smith brought the new science to the front to such purpose that he has been called "the Father of Western Homœopathy." He procured from the Illinois Legislature, in 1854-55, the charter of Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago. The original draft of this charter was written by Dr. Smith in the law office of Abraham Lincoln at Springfield, Illinois. The achievement of conceiving and establishing this college gave to Dr. Smith great honor and credit.



Dr. Smith remained in Joliet until 1842, when he returned to Chicago. In the spring of 1843 he adopted the new system in his practice. He was thus the first physician to introduce homœopathic practice west of the Great Lakes, a region that now has six medical colleges, twice as many hospitals, and more than two thousand practitioners to represent what he stood for singly and alone. He was both surprised and gratified at the favor with which the new system was received by the public. He soon had more calls than he could respond to, and other practitioners were attracted to his side. So rapidly did the new school increase in members, that a medical body was soon formed whose power has kept pace with the other great factors in the growth of the western metropolis. Dr. Smith was naturally elected President of the Board of Trustees of Hahnemann Medical College when it was organized. He held that position until 1871, when he resigned in favor of Dr. A. E. Small. At the death of the latter he was again elected President, and held the office up to the time of his death. He was obliged to desist from his labors on account of failing health at various times, and in 1866 he went to Europe, where he spent a year in travel. His reputation had preceded him, and he was received at the various hospitals and colleges which he visited with the friendliest attention and consideration from the distinguished members of the profession. When he returned home, in 1867, he was fully restored to health, and followed his profession till the day of his death.

Dr. Smith was an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and through his mother's influence he became early imbued with a deep religious conviction. He was a man of sterling integrity and unflinching uprightness, simple in his habits, dignified, urbane and generous. His noble efforts and humane spirit were recognized when the cholera epidemic fell upon the city from 1848 to 1854. Instances of his devotion to the suffering poor at that time can be related which place him in the ranks of the most noted benefactors of the human race. He was hospitable in the extreme, and an attentive listener to all who sought his ear for counsel. Thoroughly ac-

curate in his own habits, he was a strict disciplinarian, and demanded the same adhesion to duty which he rendered himself. In recognition of his ability, and in appreciation of his services to the cause of homœopathy, an honorary degree was conferred upon him, in 1856, by the Homœopathic Medical College of Cleveland, Ohio. In 1857 he was elected General Secretary of the American Institute of Homœopathy, in 1864 was chosen President, and in 1865 Treasurer of this national association.

Naturally, with his many professional duties, Dr. Smith never sought political honors, but he lived and died a stalwart Republican. He was President of the Second Ward Republican Club in its palmy days, during the Hayes campaign. He was at the time of his death the honored and popular President of the old Tippecanoe Club of Chicago, which was organized in July, 1887, by those who ad voted for General Harrison in 1840.

Dr. Smith was married, in 1837, to Miss Rebecca Ann Dennis, a native of Salem, New Jersey, who survives him. She came to Chicago in 1835 with her uncle, E. H. Mulford, in whose family she resided until her marriage. Four children blessed their union, two of whom survive. The eldest is the widow of Maj. F. F. Whitehead, of the United States army. Caroline is the wife of E. L. Ely, of New York City.

Dr. Smith died in Chicago, April 29, 1891. The following resolutions were adopted by the faculty of Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Chicago, and the members of the hospital staff:

"Inasmuch as we have been deeply grieved by the death of our worthy and venerable colleague, Dr. David S. Smith, we, as a faculty, in expression of deep sorrow, and in acknowledgment of his inestimable services, do hereby adopt the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That we recognize first of all the loss of the profession at large, in which, as the first representative of our school of practice in this locality, his undaunted energy and marked ability during the pioneer days have given the imprint of success and of character to the modern

standard of medicine. What he knew to be right he faithfully prescribed. What he honestly believed he bravely defended and earnestly applied. To his ability and his faithfulness the followers of homœopathy owe a debt of gratitude, and the generations to come will bow in reverence to his name.

"*Resolved*, That as the President of our College and Hospital, we shall miss his guiding spirit and his encouraging presence. In all our work he has ever been a willing helper and a good adviser. His life was consecrated to the college he established and loved, and his pride was centered in her prosperity. The joy of his last days was the realization that 'Old Hahnemann' had fulfilled the desire of his heart and had become the

largest homœopathic college of the world. To every student his words were an encouragement to honest ambition. To every graduate he gave the inspiration of hope.

"*Resolved*, That more than all we admire the manly qualities and the Christian character of his life. In all things he was ennobling. At all times the silent dignity of his faith gave a strength to his work. His absence will ever be mourned and his memory forever honored. In our loss we shall sacredly prize the record he leaves us.

"*Resolved*, That to his bereaved family we tender our sincere sympathy, and offer the token of love we bore our departed friend and associate in their sorrow."

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## FRANCIS I. JACOBS.

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**F**RANCIS IRVING JACOBS, a gallant veteran of the great Civil War, residing at Wilmette, was born at Spafford Hollow, Onondaga County, New York, October 4, 1846. He is the son of Rev. Milo E. and Cornelia (O'Farrel) Jacobs. Milo E. Jacobs was born in Vermont, and removed with his parents to New York in boyhood. His father, Elias Jacobs, was a native of Vermont, of German descent. Betsey Jacobs, wife of the latter, was of Welsh descent. The Jacobs family dates from early Colonial times in this country, Elnathan Jacobs, the father of Elias, having been born, probably in Vermont, in 1750.

Milo E. Jacobs was educated at Cazenovia, New York. He entered the Methodist ministry while a young man. In 1857 he went to Ogle County, Illinois, and settled on a farm. Two years later he removed to Winnebago, Illinois, where he joined the Rock River Conference, and was successively located at Lena, Richmond, Sand Lake, Lanark and other charges. He died in

Winnebago, on account of an injury received in Chicago in the spring of 1874, aged fifty-one years. His widow died in Chicago in 1893, aged seventy-two years. She was born at Spafford Hollow, New York. Her father, William O'Farrel, who was born August 28, 1784, was a farmer, of Irish descent. His wife, Dinah, was a daughter of Henry and Catharine Turbush, of Fishkill, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Milo E. Jacobs had three sons and a daughter: Francis I.; Charles H., of Marble Rock, Iowa; Wilbur F., of Rockford, Illinois; and Alfaretta, who died at the age of eleven years, at Winnebago.

Francis I. Jacobs attended the public schools until the beginning of the Civil War. In August, 1861, being then fourteen years and ten months old, he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served nearly five years, beginning with Fremont's campaign in Missouri. This included the battles of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove (where five thousand Union troops drove twenty thousand rebels from the



field), and other engagements of minor character. After the Missouri service he was taken down the river to Vicksburg, and took part in the siege of that place and other expeditions in Mississippi. Thence he went to Port Hudson, where he was stationed for some time, and later he was at Morganza Bend, Louisiana. He camped at New Orleans and various points in Louisiana. He was on the Texas frontier during the winter of 1863-64, where the regiment re-enlisted, and he received a veteran's furlough.

While returning to the front after the expiration of his furlough, Mr. Jacobs met General Banks' army on retreat from its disastrous Red River expedition. The steamers going down stream met those going up and formed a bridge, on which the army crossed from the west bank to an island in the river. This temporary bridge was instantly and readily removed before the enemy could advance and take possession. Mr. Jacobs continued to New Orleans. Later the regiment went to Pensacola by boats, thence overland to Mobile Bay, and helped capture the forts opposite the city, with severe fighting. After the capture of Mobile, they encamped three miles from the city, where pieces of iron fell in camp at the explosion of the arsenal at Mobile Bay. From here they went, by way of Selma, to Montgomery, Alabama, and heard of Lee's surrender on the march.

Mr. Jacobs was soon afterward sent to New Orleans, and thence went on an expedition to Sabine Pass, Columbus and Houston, Texas. While on the levee at Morganza Bend, Louisiana, he was detailed to serve in the artillery force. Being surprised by the enemy while saddling a horse, he received a kick from the animal, in consequence of its pain at being shot. This constituted the only injury he received during his service of four years and ten months, though frequently exposed to a galling fire. He was captured that evening and marched about a mile to the enemy's camp. Being unable to walk on account of lameness from the kick of the horse, he was assigned to an ambulance, and helped to care for the wounded. During the night a Union ambulance corps arrived, under cover of a flag of truce, and

by claiming to be wounded he was taken in the wagon to the Union camp. Among several hundreds of his comrades captured on that day, most were kept prisoners for eighteen months, and many were starved and killed. While on duty guarding a plantation in Texas, he was offered the use of a large cotton plantation for three years, free of cost. The owner was about to leave the state for fear of arrest for treason, and thought he could leave his property in no safer hands than those of a Union soldier; but his offer was declined. During his service he traveled over 13,000 miles, marching on foot about one-fourth of that distance, and took part in four battles and thirteen skirmishes.

After the war he was engaged in stock-farming at Downer's Grove, Illinois, where he reared thoroughbred horses and cattle. In the fall of 1871, he moved to Chicago, where he was employed in overseeing preparations for rebuilding the burned city. He was also engaged in buying old iron for an eastern foundry. For two years he was engaged in the grocery trade on West Madison Street, and two years in commission business on South Water Street. Five years were spent in the office of the "Panhandle" Railroad, at Crown Point, Indiana. The next six years were passed on a stock farm in Franklin County, Iowa, breeding high-grade horses, cattle and swine. Since 1887 he has been connected with the commission firm of Wayne & Low, on South Water Street, Chicago, taking charge of their butter trade.

Since the fall of 1894 Mr. Jacobs has lived at Wilmette, where he built a pleasant home. His business career has been marked by integrity, activity and thoroughness.

He was married, in 1869, to Miss Julia Flora Hudson, daughter of Horace Hudson, of Winnebago, Illinois. They have one adopted child, Edith Wilson Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs is a member of George H. Thomas Post Number 5, Grand Army of the Republic. While living at Crown Point he joined the Masonic order. He takes considerable interest in public affairs, and gives his enthusiastic support to Republican candidates and principles.

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GEORGE MCKINNEY.

(From Photo by W. J. Root).

## GEORGE MCKINNEY.

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GEORGE MCKINNEY was born in Henderson County, Illinois, November 18, 1836. His ancestors were the hardy and thrifty people of Scotland. On the authority of Alexander McKenzie, one of the most noted genealogists of Scotland, in the revised edition of his celebrated work, published in 1894, the family is a very old one, and is traced back to the O'Beolan, Earls of Ross, or Gilleoin of the Aird, one of the Celtic earls who besieged King Malcolm at Perth, in 1160; and we find from the oldest Norse Saga connected with Scotland, that the ancestor of the Earls of Ross was chief in Kintail as early as the beginning of the tenth century. This powerful chief in the north of Scotland, named O'Beolan, married the daughter of Ganga Rolfe, or Rollo, the noted pirate, who afterward became the celebrated Earl of Normandy. Following down the genealogy of the family, it will be seen that they are descended from the ancient Celtic McAlpine line of Scottish kings; from the original Anglo-Saxon kings of England, and from the Scandinavian, Charlemagne and Capetian lines as far back as the beginning of the ninth century. Through their inter-marriages they formed the network of cousinship which ultimately included all the leading families in the Highlands, every one of which, through these alliances, has the royal blood of all the English, Scottish and Scandinavian kings, including the royal blood of Bruce and the Plantagenet royal blood of England, and many of the early foreign monarchs, coursing in their veins. The family name was derived from John, the son of Kenneth, who would be called in the original native Gaelic "Ian MacChoinnich," the

pronunciation of which, to a foreigner, would be as if spelled MacKenny, and it is from this progenitor the McKennies, McKinneys and McKenzies derive their family name. In the case of the McKenzies, in Scotland the Z has the sound of Y, and the name is pronounced as if spelt "McKenye."

In the early part of the eighteenth century, Collin McKinney and his wife, with three brothers of this old family, emigrated to America, locating in Virginia. A part of the family remained there, and have occupied many positions of honor and trust in the Old Dominion, one having recently been Governor of the state. Others moved out into East Tennessee, from which family came Judge McKinney, of Knoxville, who for many years was upon the Supreme Bench of Tennessee.

Collin McKinney had five sons and three daughters. A part of the family, among whom was his son, George McKinney, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, moved to Casey County, Kentucky, in 1800. While on their way thither, over the mountains, he became attached to Ann Riley, a beautiful Irish lassie, whom he married, and who was closely related to Barnabas Riley, the author of the first Ohio code of laws. To them were born a number of sons and daughters, the latter noted for their beauty, which they inherited from their mother. The children were: John, the father of the subject of this sketch; Collin, who spent most of his life in Tennessee, as a minister of the Presbyterian Church; Archibald, who was a noted lawyer and Judge in Texas at the time of his death; Margaret, Mary and Ann.

A portion of the family who came out to Ken-



tucky, led by Uncle Collin McKinney, went to Texas and settled in Collin County, of which McKinney is the county seat.

John McKinney was born in Lincoln County, Kentucky, November 2, 1801, and was married there, in November, 1827, to Elizabeth Goode, a native of the same state. In early life he was a farmer, and then spent five years in the office of John Riley, Clerk of Butler County, Ohio; and he later on studied law in the office of Hon. John Pope, in Springfield, Kentucky, who had been a United States Senator, and was afterward appointed Governor of Arkansas by President Jackson. Here he obtained a good knowledge of human affairs, but he soon tired of the confinement of an office, and returned to farming. He had, before studying law, in 1825, settled his father's estate in Kentucky. He settled on Government land in Illinois in 1832, at a place since known as McKinney's Grove, in Henderson County, where he pre-empted a large tract of land and lived like a patriarch, surrounded by a large family and a host of friends. In Ohio he had become an Abolitionist, which induced him to settle in a free state. He was quite prosperous as a farmer, and owned eight hundred acres of land. In 1844 he removed to Oquawka, where he became a merchant and pork-packer. Success followed his efforts, and he removed to Aledo, the county seat of Mercer County, Illinois, and engaged in banking, with a partner, under the style of McKinney & Gilmore. After a time he purchased the interest of his partner in the banking business. He died at Aledo, rich in years, honors and in this world's goods, January 14, 1892, having attained the ripe old age of ninety-one years. Elizabeth, his first wife, died at the age of thirty-six years. The following are the children who grew to maturity: Hiram, Ann, Elizabeth, John, George and Collin. Of these, Hiram and John are now deceased. Another son, William, died in infancy. Mr. McKinney's second wife was Mary M. Stewart. She was the mother of Adelaide, James, Archibald, Mrs. Mary Bergen and Robert McKinney, who are yet living.

John McKinney had a personal acquaintance with many of our National statesmen, especially

of the West, among them Henry Clay, Abraham Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas, Horace Greeley, William H. Seward, Gov. William Bross, Richard Yates, and others. In early life, at one time he occupied the same bed at a hotel with Abraham Lincoln, then a young law student. He, at one time or another, entertained most of these people at his home in Oquawka, Illinois.

George McKinney was partially educated in the public schools of Oquawka, but, tiring of school life, he requested his father to allow him to learn the printer's trade, which he did, entering as an apprentice, or "devil," in the office of the Oquawka *Plaindealer*, edited by F. A. Dallaham, a well-known journalist. After a year's apprenticeship, he entered Knox College, at Galesburg, Illinois, but, having been badly burned by the explosion of a lamp in which burning fluid was used, he was unable to pursue his studies, and hence left the college about the time President Blanchard left the institution. Through ill-health, and a love of adventure and roving, which he has retained to the present day, he was induced to accompany his brother-in-law on a trip to New Mexico, visiting Santa Fe and Los Vegas. At the latter place he bought a Mexican mustang, and, joining a wool train, returned to the Missouri River. At Topeka, Kansas, he disposed of his pony, and after working a short time in a printing-office, returned home, via the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. Arriving in Oquawka, he returned to the store, filling the position of bookkeeper and clerk. Here Mr. McKinney was married to Miss Sarah Frances Chickering, daughter of Joseph Chickering, a talented musician and popular citizen of that place. Rev. J. W. Chickering, the well-known divine, was a brother of Mrs. McKinney's father. Only two of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. McKinney survived the period of childhood, namely: Alice and William. The former, Alice, is now deceased, and the other, William, is connected with a Chicago business house as bookkeeper.

Before the war the father of Mr. McKinney had retired from business, and turned the store over to his sons. The eldest, Hiram, died in November, 1861. Another son, Collin, enlisted in the

army at the first call for troops, and he was followed to the field by John. This left only George to manage the store, and, his health failing, he sold the store back to his father, and, accompanied by his wife, went to California by the Nicaragua route, returning two years later by the Panama route, and locating in Chicago in the fall of 1864. His health began to improve gradually, and he became a member of the Board of Trade. His field of operation was chiefly in the grain-commission business, and for eighteen years he was a well-known figure in business marts. He had the required perseverance, and was rewarded by satisfactory results. He began early to invest in North Shore real estate, and yet owns valuable property there.

In the spring of 1872 he took up his residence at Winnetka, and has been ever since a useful citizen of that suburb. He feels an interest in every movement calculated to further the moral

and material welfare of the community in which he resides. He has always been a Republican in political sentiment, because he believes the Republican party most active in promoting the general welfare of the people, regardless of local or personal factions, but has at times been independent in his votes, especially when the old parties conflicted with his moral ideas of reform movements. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney are charter members of the Congregational Church at Winnetka, where both are held in high esteem. Mrs. McKinney was organist for many years in the church and Sunday-school, and she and her husband were active in the early upbuilding of the church. They originally united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Oquawka, and while in California became charter members of the first Congregational Church in Redwood City, and later of the Tabernacle Church of Chicago.

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## RICHARD J. HAMILTON.

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**R**ICHARD JONES HAMILTON, who is famous in the annals of Cook County as its first Circuit Court Clerk, was born at Jonesboro, near Danville, Mercer (now Boyle) County, Kentucky, August 21, 1799, his parents being James L. and Sarah (Jones) Hamilton. The father was born in England, but his parents emigrated to this country when he was only a year old, and settled in South Carolina, on the Savannah River. At the age of twenty the father went northward into Kentucky, and after his marriage with Miss Sarah Jones, settled near Danville, in that state. Sarah Jones was a daughter of Richard Jones, of Kentucky, whose wife was a Miss Wills, of Maryland. In 1803 he removed to Shelby County, where Richard J. spent his boyhood and youth and received his early education,

chiefly at the Shelbyville Academy, then in charge of instructors of some eminence, among others Rev. Mr. Gray and Rev. Mr. Cameron.

Finishing his academic education at the age of seventeen, young Hamilton then entered a store at Shelbyville, as clerk, and later held a similar position at Jefferson, devoting altogether some fifteen months to this calling, which seems, however, to have had little attraction for him. In 1818 he went to Louisville, where he studied law until 1820, then removing to Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois, in company with his friend, Abner Field. The two young men owned a horse jointly, and the journey was made in alternate stages of walking and riding, the horse, which constituted their sole property, being sold on their arrival at their destination. Here Mr.



Hamilton taught school for some time, still, however, continuing his law studies at intervals, under the direction of Charles Dunn, who had recently been admitted to the Bar, and who gained great distinction as a lawyer, finally becoming Chief-Justice of the then territory of Wisconsin.

At its session of 1820-21 the Second General Assembly of Illinois established the old State Bank, and at the first meeting of the Directors at Vandalia, a branch was authorized at Brownsville, Jackson County, and Mr. Hamilton was appointed its Cashier. In 1822 he was married to Miss Diana W. Buckner, of Jefferson County, Kentucky, but then residing near Jackson, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. Mrs. Hamilton was a daughter of Col. Nicholas Buckner, of the historic Kentucky family of that name.

January 14, 1826, by the General Assembly, Mr. Hamilton was confirmed as Justice of the Peace for Jackson County, and March 31, 1827, he was admitted to the Bar. In 1829 he is on record as one of the itinerant lawyers who rode the circuit of the southern counties, deriving a meagre and precarious subsistence from the few and scattered clients who fell to his share in those early days in Illinois, when the cases were rare and fees were small. The Brownsville branch bank closed its career about this time, Mr. Hamilton retaining to the last, as far as known, his position of Cashier, the duties of which, especially in those later years, were neither exhaustive nor remunerative.

He now turned his eyes toward northern Illinois, and was elected by the General Assembly as the first Probate Judge of the new county of Cook, January 29, 1831. His friend, Judge Young, of the Fifth Judicial District, appointed him Clerk of Cook County Circuit Court, and Governor Reynolds, who was also especially interested in his welfare, commissioned him as Notary Public and Recorder. He arrived in Chicago early in March, being present at the organization of the county on the 8th of the month, and removed his family (which consisted at this time of his wife and two children, Richard N. and Sarah A.) from Brownsville in August. In October he was appointed Commissioner of School

Lands for Cook County, and the school fund remained in his charge until 1840. As an illustration of the backward condition of Chicago at the period of his arrival, he used to refer to the limited mail facilities, saying that special care was used in reading the older papers first, that they might be properly advised of the events in the outside world in the order of occurrence. He resided with his family in Fort Dearborn for some time after his arrival, and there his second daughter, Eleanor, was born, February 14, 1832. This daughter, now Mrs. E. H. Keenon, is still a resident of the city, and is stated to be the first child of purely American parentage born here; she is certainly the oldest woman living a native of the city. The eldest daughter is the widow of Col. Henry A. Mitchell, who died from the effects of a bullet wound received at the battle of Perryville, in the Civil War. He had previously commanded a revenue cutter on the Great Lakes, and was Provost-Marshal at Covington, Kentucky, after he was wounded.

The year that witnessed his daughter's birth saw Mr. Hamilton appointed Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court, which office he held until 1837. Besides discharging the duties of his various offices, which were more numerous than remunerative, he took a pioneer part in temperance work, and in 1832 co-operated energetically with Colonel Owen, the Indian Agent, and other influential men, in keeping the Indians in this section from joining the hostile bands in the disturbances of that year. Public-spirited in the highest degree, he was the first of thirty-seven volunteers who, on May 2, 1832, "promised obedience to Capt. Gholson Kercheval and Lieuts. George W. Dole and John S. Hogan, as commanders of the militia of Chicago, until all apprehension of danger from the Indians may have subsided." Later in the month, with Capt. Jesse B. Brown, Joseph Naper and twenty-five mounted men, he scoured the Fox River country to carry succor and encouragement to the scattered settlements. Unfortunately, they did not arrive at Indian Creek until the 22d of the month, the day after the terrible massacre by the Indians at that point. Here they found thirteen dead bod-

ies, those of members of the families of Davis, Hall and Pettigrew, terribly mangled. The company escorted some of the refugees to Chicago, where a much larger number had sought refuge as early as the 10th. Colonel Hamilton (whose title seems to have been one of courtesy, due to the fact of his identification with the state militia for some years) was one of the commissioners appointed to supply them with food and shelter, and was indefatigable in his efforts in their behalf. He moved his family into the old agency-house about this time, the fort being crowded with refugees, and being occupied after July by the troops who had arrived to take part in the Black-hawk War.

In the spring of 1833, in conjunction with Colonel Owen, Colonel Hamilton employed John Watkins to teach a small school, near the old agency-house, where he still resided, but which he soon abandoned for his own house, built on what is now Michigan Street, between Cass and Rush Streets, where he lived for nineteen years. He was one of the voters for the incorporation of Chicago August 5, and for its first Board of Trustees five days later. He was a subscribing witness to the Indian Treaty of September 26, and his claim of \$500 was allowed. The claims allowed against, and paid in behalf of, the Indians at that time aggregated in their entirety about \$175,000. In October, as Commissioner of School Lands, in compliance with a petition signed by the principal residents of the place, he authorized the sale of the Chicago School Section. November 13 of that year, in virtue of his office as Probate Judge, he performed a marriage ceremony between John Bates, junior, and Miss Harriet E. Brown. He was one of the original subscribers to the first Chicago newspaper, which appeared November 26, and in December he advertised \$10,000 to loan, which was probably part of the net cash proceeds of the sale of school lands two months before. In 1834 he was President of the Board of School Trustees, and with characteristic energy labored tirelessly in the interest of the early schools of Chicago. In conjunction with Hiram Pearsons, he laid out four hundred and twenty acres at Canalport, adjoining

what is now Bridgeport, which, judging from the first preliminary survey, they supposed would be the actual terminus of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, but which the final survey passed by and left comparatively worthless.

In 1834 Colonel Hamilton suffered a deep bereavement in the death of his first wife, soon after the birth of her fourth child, who was named Diana B. in memory of her mother. Mrs. Hamilton was highly esteemed as an intelligent and zealous Christian lady, one who suffered the hardships of pioneer life uncomplainingly, and proved a devoted wife and mother. She was a member of the first Methodist Church of Chicago, in whose behalf she took an active and efficient interest. March 25, 1835, the Colonel married Miss Harriette L. Hubbard, sister of Henry G. Hubbard, of Chicago. Mrs. Harriette Hamilton died February 7, 1842, leaving one child, Henry E. She had lost an infant daughter named Pauline August 21, 1839, and another of the same name about two years before. The son is now familiarly known as "Colonel Hamilton," as it were, by right of inheritance.

About 1834 the subject of this sketch became largely interested in outside lands, being also probably the most extensive owner in the county and the whole Northwest. These lands were often purchased on joint account with non-residents, and perhaps at the time with no larger interest on his part than a commission for the transaction of the business, but they were usually made and recorded in his name for greater convenience in transfer and negotiation. About 1835 he became a candidate for election as Recorder, and published the following card in answer to certain cavilings about his many offices:

"In 1831 I received the appointment of Clerk of Circuit Court, Judge of Probate and Notary Public. I then moved to Chicago, and found that nobody wanted these offices. Soon after, the gentleman holding the position of Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court resigned, and I was appointed. The office of School Commissioner was then held by Col. T. J. V. Owen, who resigned. Up to September, 1834, that office has yielded me in all about \$200; notary



fees have not exceeded \$50; probate fees have not amounted to more than \$50. I have not realized from all offices, including that of Recorder, during four years more than \$1,500. The whole number of instruments recorded, including a large number of Receiver's certificates for lands purchased at late sales, have been to July 1, 1835, about thirteen hundred, at seventy cents each."

At the August election of 1835 he was elected Recorder by six hundred two votes, and removed his office, toward the end of October, to the new building recently erected by the county on the public square. In December he became a Director in the Chicago branch of the new State Bank. The offices he held at this time were: Judge of Probate, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clerk of Commissioners' Court, Recorder of Deeds, Notary Public, School Commissioner and Bank Commissioner. He continued to discharge the various duties of these offices, with the help of deputies and clerks in the more exacting ones as the volume of business in each required. As Clerk of the Circuit Court, his first deputy was Henry Moore, in 1834, succeeded by J. Young Scammon in 1835. Solomon Wills, who had married the sister of his first wife, became his deputy in 1836, and was succeeded in 1837 by George Manierre, who gave way to Thomas Hoyne in 1839. All these were lawyers, and nearly all young men, who served as his assistants until the professional business of each successively required his entire attention.

Colonel Hamilton was elected a member of the new Board of School Inspectors for the city of Chicago May 12, 1837, in recognition of his services and interest in the early schools, and of his position as School Commissioner. Pinched by the financial depression of 1837, he weathered the storm without becoming bankrupt, or failing to meet his financial obligations. In 1840 he was nominated Alderman of the Sixth Ward by the Democrats, and was elected; and the same year he was chosen a delegate to the State Democratic Convention held at Springfield.

In contemporary notices of the press Colonel Hamilton appears frequently as an active member in public meetings of the period on all ques-

tions of social, political, educational and religious interest, and he was frequently chosen on committees of all sorts for the furtherance of public business, being apparently one of that worthy class of men who suffer themselves to be overworked rather than shirk the responsibilities of active citizenship. He was prominent in the meeting held in memory of President Harrison in 1841, and was no less active in the reception given the same year to Governor Carlin in Chicago. Meanwhile the time had arrived for relinquishing some of his offices, the increased duties of which had now made them too unwieldy even for superintendence by one individual. In 1835 he had ceased to be Judge of Probate, in 1837 Clerk of the Commissioners' Court, and in 1839 Recorder of Deeds. In 1840 William H. Brown was elected School Agent, an office which entitled him to the care of the school funds of Chicago, which therefore passed out of the care of Colonel Hamilton with the close of that year. He still, however, retained his position as Commissioner of School Lands for the county, for he is found to have advertised section 16, township 41, for sale August 9, 1841, as such. On the reorganization of the judicial system in 1841, Cook County fell within the circuit of Associate-Justice Theophilus W. Smith, who appointed his son-in-law, Henry G. Hubbard, to replace Colonel Hamilton, who resumed the practice of law, his clerkship terminating March 12, 1841.

About 1843 the Colonel formed a law partnership with J. S. Chamberlaine, which was, however, dissolved in 1845, and in 1846 his firm became Hamilton & Moore, Francis C. Moore being the junior member. In 1847 this partnership was also dissolved, and he remained alone until his retirement from practice, which took place in 1850. In 1849 he was elected Alderman from the Ninth Ward, upon the resignation of Samuel McKay, and in 1850 and 1851 as his own successor. He was Presidential Elector on the Democratic ticket in 1852, and in 1856 he was a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor on the same ticket, which was, however, defeated by the Republicans.

His appearance as a candidate for the above

office seems to have closed his long, useful and honorable public career. December 26, 1860, he died of paralysis, in his sixty-second year. Five children and his widow, his third wife, whom he married in 1843, survived him. She was formerly Mrs. Priscilla P. Tuley, of Louisville, Kentucky, and the mother of the present Judge Tuley, of Chicago. Colonel Hamilton was buried on the 28th of December, 1860, with Masonic honors. He had long been a member of the Masonic order, and stood high in its counsels and honors, having been an officer in the first grand lodge in Illinois. At a memorial meeting of the Bar held on the same day, Judge Morris said: "There is scarcely a lawyer here now but owes much in his early life to Colonel Hamilton. He took every young practitioner who came here by the hand, and helped him to business and practice." Judge Wilson said: "Mr. Hamilton was a gentleman remarkable in many particulars; of very high notions as a gentleman, and of unusual sympathies." Judge Manierre reported a series of resolutions, from which the following are extracted: "His death has removed one of our most distinguished citizens and pioneers, and the oldest member of the legal fraternity; we take pleasure in bearing testimony to

the high character of the deceased as a man and a citizen. His life was a career of active usefulness. He was foremost in all public enterprises for the advancement and prosperity of the community. We remember with pleasure the social and genial qualities of our deceased brother. He was a zealous friend; his heart was warm and his hand ever ready. In losing him the community has lost one of its most valued citizens, and this Bar one of its most respected members." Twenty years after death he was characterized by Hon. Thomas Hoyne as being "of a generous and open nature, a good citizen, and a kind man, and one of those men who were then shaping the destinies of the state."

During the last years of his life Colonel Hamilton lived on the West Side, in a residence he had erected himself, "on Madison, west of Bull's Head," afterward the southwest corner of Hoyne Avenue. He devoted the remaining years of his life largely to beautifying this place, which was then regarded as a suburban home. Towards the close of 1860 he became a member of the South Presbyterian Church, the denomination with which he had most intercourse in early life, and to which his wife belonged.

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## DR. JOSEPH F. HENROTIN.

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**D**R. JOSEPH FORTUNAT HENROTIN was among the early physicians of Chicago, and endeared himself to a large number of citizens, especially on the North Side, by his brave and unselfish labors during the cholera epidemic of 1849 to 1855. At that time there was a large German settlement between State Street and the lake shore, north of Chicago Avenue,

known as New Buffalo, the gratitude of whose denizens toward the "good French Doctor," as they called him, was unbounded. Without stopping to inquire about the certainty of his fees, when many others had left the city in alarm, Dr. Henrotin went among the poor and rich alike, carrying good cheer and healing balm to the stricken ones. His success in exterminating the



scourge gave him at once a very large practice, and he acquired what is a large fortune to be gained in medical practice in a few years. It was only his lack of a thorough knowledge of our language that prevented his taking the prominence in the professional and literary world that he deserved. He was a ripe scholar, and his diction in French was considered an ornament to the language. His reports to his native Government while serving as Consul are still preserved as models of elegance, clearness and practical value.

Joseph Fortunat Henrotin was born in Tellin, Belgium, March 17, 1811. His grandfather was a farmer at that place. His father, Dr. Clement Henrotin, was a graduate of the Medical University of Paris, France, to which place he walked in youth, because of the limited means of transportation in that day and region, to gain an education in medicine. While there he befriended and encouraged young Dubois (who afterward became the French Court Physician) to take up the study of the healing art. Dr. Clement Henrotin practiced medicine sixty-five years at Tellin, where he died, full of honors, at the age of ninety-six years. His wife was Miss Rossion.

Joseph F. Henrotin pursued his elementary studies in his native town, and entered the University of Liege, Belgium, from which he graduated at the age of twenty-two. He then spent three years in further study in the Belgian hospitals, being a pupil and friend of Dr. Seutin, the inventor of the starch bandage, who secured his appointment, at the age of twenty-five, as surgeon in the national army, with the privilege of further pursuing his investigations and studies in the hospitals. He continued to hold this position for nearly twelve years, at the end of which time he resolved to come to America.

He arrived in Chicago in the autumn of 1848, and, as above related, soon acquired a large and remunerative practice. This was general throughout the city, but most of his work was done on the North and Northwest Sides. Having placed himself in independent circumstances by eight years of arduous and incessant labor, he returned to his native land, in 1856. A year later he was appointed by the Belgian Government to

be Consul to the Northwestern States of this country, and returned to Chicago, leaving several of his children abroad to be educated. In 1858 he was commissioned by Belgium to make a special inspection of the states of Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota and report on their adaptability as homes for Belgian emigrants. In the fulfillment of this charge he traveled throughout the states named, rendering a prompt and exhaustive report to his Government. For this service he received the thanks of the Belgian Parliament, on account of its practical value and literary merit, and copies of the report were widely distributed over Germany and other neighboring countries, as well as throughout Belgium. He continued to serve as Consul until his death, which occurred March 17, 1876, on the sixty-fifth anniversary of his birth. He was succeeded in office by his eldest living son, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work. Dr. Henrotin was a heavy sufferer by the great fire of 1871, but partially recovered from his loss before his death.

In the fall of 1840, Dr. Henrotin married Adele Kinsoen, a native of Tournai, Flanders, born in 1821, and daughter of Henri Kinsoen, who had a contract to furnish the Dutch army with supplies. A brother of Henri Kinsoen was a noted portrait painter, who numbered the members of the French Court among his patrons. Both were natives of Bruges, Belgium, as was Mrs. Henrotin's mother, Josephine Brice.

Besides his widow, Dr. Henrotin left eight children. The eldest son, Henry, was killed at the siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi, during the Civil War, while serving in Taylor's Battery. All the living, save the sixth, who is engaged in business in Havre, France, are residents of Chicago. Following are their names: Charles; Margaret, Mrs. James H. B. Daly; Dr. Fernand; Adolph; Mary; Victor; Fortuni, wife of George Le Jeune; and Louise, now Mrs. Maurice Pincoffs. Mrs. Henrotin survived her husband many years, dying, widely mourned, November 29, 1893. She was an able helpmate to her husband, whom she nobly aided in his labors among the cholera sufferers, and was held in high regard by all who enjoyed her acquaintance.

## WILLIAM M. COULTER.

WILLIAM MITCHELL COULTER, one of the survivors of the war with Mexico, residing in Chicago, is a native of the Keystone State. His birth occurred in Oliver Township, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1823. He is a son of Irwin Coulter and Mary C. Mitchell. The latter was the daughter of an Irish gentleman named George Mitchell, who was born near Belfast, Ireland. He married a Scotch lady named Elizabeth Thompson, and they emigrated to America previous to the Revolutionary War. Mr. Mitchell became one of the first settlers in Mifflin County, on the banks of the Juniata river. He cleared and improved a large farm, and became one of the most prominent citizens of that county.

Irwin Coulter, whose Christian name was given him to perpetuate the family name of his mother, was a native of Mifflin County. His father, David Coulter was born in the North of England, but became a loyal citizen of Pennsylvania during the colonial days. Soon after the beginning of the Revolutionary conflict, he enlisted under General Washington, and afterwards became the captain of his company. He was wounded while doing gallant service at the battle of the Brandywine. The rifle which he carried into that war and the sword which he wore in his official capacity are still preserved in the family. Irwin Coulter succeeded to the ownership of the Mitchell homestead, where his death occurred about 1830, at the age of forty-nine years. Both the Coulter and Mitchell families were ardent adherents of the Presbyterian Church, and exhibited many admirable characteristics, being firm in the support of principle and fearless in defense of their convictions.

William M. Coulter passed his boyhood in his

native county and, at an early age began to take an active part in local political affairs. He was frequently chosen as a delegate to local and State conventions of the Democratic party, and helped to nominate several Governors of the commonwealth. When the United States Government called for volunteers to help prosecute the war with Mexico, he enlisted as a member of Company D, of the Eleventh United States Infantry. After being drilled for a time, with other recruits, near Corpus Christie on the coast of Texas, they were sent forward to join General Scott's army at Puebla, Mexico. As Scott's limited force did not permit him to leave any garrisons at places he had vanquished, the recruits were forced to fight their way over the route previously pursued by the main army. One of their duties was to escort a pay train, loaded with many thousands of dollars in gold sent to pay Scott's army. The Mexicans having knowledge of this fact, made desperate efforts to capture the train, and the whole course of the journey was almost a continuous battlefield. At the National Bridge, the enemy lay in ambush, and made extraordinary efforts to destroy the little band of devoted American troops. Several wagons, containing accoutrements and supplies of the soldiers, were thrown over a high precipice in the struggle and destroyed, and Mr. Coulter narrowly missed accompanying one of these wagons in its fall. The attack was repulsed, and a portion of the knapsacks and other paraphernalia was recovered next day. The train was turned over to General Scott at Puebla in June, 1847, without the loss of a dollar, after many days of struggle in its defense.

After joining the main army, Mr. Coulter participated in the battles of Contreras Mountain, Cherubusco, Chapultepec and the numerous fights



about the gates of Mexico. It is a matter of history that the American troops, in a strange land, far from their base of supplies, conquered immensely superior numbers throughout their march and triumphantly entered the city of Mexico on the 13th of September, 1847, having traversed more than a thousand miles of distance, over mountain ranges and across lava beds and other regions supposed by the Mexicans to be impassable. At the capture of Molino del Rey, where the Mexicans were engaged in casting cannon, most of his superior officers having been killed or disabled, Corporal Coulter took command of a company, and held possession of the foundry until Lieutenant U. S. Grant came up and received the swords of the captured Mexican officers, who refused to deliver them to a non-commissioned officer. For his gallantry on this and other occasions, he was made Second Sergeant and received honorable mention by Maj. John F. Hunter, commanding the Eleventh regiment. Mr. Coulter gives a very graphic description of a brief engagement on the 19th of August, where eight thousand mounted Mexican lancers rode down upon three brigades of American infantry, with the evident intention of overwhelming them. The lancers were quickly repulsed by the infantry, formed in a hollow square, with fixed bayonets, who reserved their fire until the enemy came within close range. So deadly were the volleys

that met the onslaught that the lancers were thrown into confusion, and the survivors turned and fled. The Americans suffered but slight loss, and this incident illustrates the superiority of courage and discipline over mere strength of numbers, even when accompanied by the advantage of position. The impression which this brief encounter made upon the mind of Mr. Coulter is one never to be effaced.

In 1858, Mr. Coulter moved from Pennsylvania to Monroe County, Missouri, where he was engaged in agriculture for some years, and during his residence there served two terms in the Missouri Legislature. His business career reflects equal credit with his military record upon the character of Mr. Coulter. In 1876 he became a resident of Chicago, where he has since been dealing in real estate.

He was married in 1856, to Miss Lydia F. Cox, of McVeytown, Pennsylvania, and four of their five children still survive. Mr. Coulter is still identified with the Presbyterian Church, in the faith of which he was reared. In early life, he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Having inherited a powerful frame and iron constitution from his ancestors, Mr. Coulter is still the picture of robust manhood and strength, and is evidently prepared to continue his honorable business career and socially-useful life for many years to come.

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## THOMAS EDIE HILL.

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**T**HOMAS EDIE HILL was born in Sandgate, Bennington County, Vt., February 29, 1832. He was reared on his father's farm, attending in the winter the district schools of that vicinity, and finishing his school instruction at the Cambridge Academy, at Cambridge, N. Y.

Possessing natural aptitude for teaching, Mr.

Hill entered upon that work, and taught his first school at Eagleville, East Salem, N. Y., receiving therefor \$10 per month; following which, at the age of nineteen, he taught the winter school in Londonderry, Vt., receiving \$14 per month and "boarding 'round." Fitting himself in Boston for teaching penmanship, he entered upon the

work of conducting evening schools, teaching penmanship and forms, and followed that profession during the fifteen succeeding years, the field of his teaching being in Vermont, New York, Ohio, Wisconsin and Illinois. He left this work in 1866, and has taught none since, except a school in parliamentary practice, which (being deeply impressed with the importance of such a school) he opened at the Chicago Athenæum in 1891, conducting the same for several months and closing with a public exhibition. This class was the first of its kind, up to the time when it was established.

Settling at Waukegan, Ill., in 1854 with his wife, formerly Miss Rebekah J. Pierce, of Londonderry, Vt., by whom he had one child, Florence G., at present Mrs. George M. Porteous, he remained there until 1866, when he located at Aurora, Ill., and began the publication of the *Aurora Herald*, from which he severed his connection a few years afterward. He continued his residence in that city for twelve years, during which time he founded and obtained a large circulation for the *Herald*. He also established the Suburban Chicago Purchasing Agency business, and as manager for a time of the Aurora Silver Plate factory, placed that institution upon a successful basis. While Mayor of Aurora, in 1876 and 1877, he introduced various improvements into the city, among them being the suppression of cows from running at large, the setting out of thousands of shade trees, the taking down of fences around dwellings, and the organizing of an improvement society, which since that time has been largely instrumental in making that city the metropolis of the Fox River Valley.

Giving a liberal portion of the property which he had accumulated up to that time (1878) to his wife, she secured a separation from him by mutual consent, he taking up his residence in Chicago to give personal supervision to the management of "Hill's Manual of Social and Business Forms," which had been brought out by Moses Warren, a publisher of Chicago, in 1873, Mr. Hill assuming the publishing of it in 1879. Subsequently marrying Mrs. Ellen M. Whitcomb, at Shushan, N. Y., he continued his residence in Chicago un-

til 1885, at which time he purchased a farm adjoining the village of Prospect Park, DuPage County, Ill. In the succeeding year he settled thereon, returning thus to the employment with which he had been familiar in his boyhood. His return to farming was voluntary and not of necessity, a phrenologist on one occasion, when examining his head, having told him when he began his teaching that he would succeed in anything that he undertook.

With large natural love of the ornamental in landscape and building, he became the publisher and editor, in 1884, of the Chicago *National Builder*, in which he gave to the world many beautiful designs of buildings and ornamental grounds. Retiring from this publication after making it the best magazine of its class, he organized a land syndicate at Prospect Park, enabled several of the old farmers of that vicinity to sell their farms so well as to retire on a competency, changed the name of the village to Glen Ellyn, and secured the making of the charming little Lake Glen Ellyn, the construction of an elegant hotel upon its borders, and the development of several springs near the lake, among them being the famous Glen Ellyn Apollo, the waters of which have large sale in Chicago.

Among Mr. Hill's literary works have been several books of large circulation, of which "Hill's Manual" has had a sale of about four hundred thousand copies at this writing, at an average price of \$6 per copy; "Hill's Album of Biography," having a circulation of eighty thousand copies; "Hill's Guide to Chicago;" "Ways of Cruelty," an illustrated pamphlet used in great numbers by humane societies; "Right and Wrong Contrasted;" and "Money Found," the latter a popular book on the subject of finance.

This latest work is an original publication, which fully outlines the plan by which the Government may assume the ownership of banks, and may operate them at all central points, guaranteeing depositors against loss, preventing financial panics, and the consequent depressions in business. Mr. Hill is the first person to put forth to the world a practical method by which Governmental banking may be established. At this



writing, the book, "Money Found," is having an immensely large sale, with a fair probability of so educating the people as to cause them to demand Government ownership of banks in the very near future, thus revolutionizing the present insecure system of banking, giving the profits pertaining to the handling of the people's money to the people; and at the same time securing relief from bank failures, and permanent financial prosperity for all.

While Mr. Hill's efforts have been crowned with success for himself, his labors have been largely of a public character, and have resulted in great educational benefit to the people in all parts of the country. Though a quiet resident of Glen Ellyn, his works have had such large circulation as to make his name much more familiar to the inhabitants of New England, the Middle States and the Pacific Coast than it is to the people of DuPage County.

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## LINUS C. RUTH.

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**L**INUS C. RUTH, of Hinsdale, is a prominent member of the DuPage County Bar, and well deserves representation in this volume. He has the honor of being a native of Illinois, for he was born at Long Grove, Lake County, on the 18th of December, 1854. His parents were Irwin and Leah (Brown) Ruth, natives of Pennsylvania. The family is of English origin, and was founded in America by George E. Ruth, the grandfather of our subject, who left England, his native land, and emigrated to America, locating in Northumberland County, Pa. The year 1836 witnessed his arrival in Illinois. He settled near Waukegan, then called Little Fort, where he died when past the age of sixty years. He reared a family of eight children. The maternal grandfather, John Brown, was born in the Keystone State, and was for some years engaged in merchandising in Philadelphia. He came to the West in 1838, settling in Cedarville, Ill., where he died at the age of eighty-one years.

Mr. Ruth whose name heads this record spent his early boyhood upon the home farm, aiding in the labors of the field through the summer months, while in the winter season he attended the district school and acquired the rudiments of his education. Later, he was a student in the High School,

and in the Iowa State College, of Ames, Iowa. On the completion of his literary education, he entered Bryant & Stratton's Business College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1873. His time was then devoted to business interests for several years, after which he determined to enter upon a professional career, and began the study of law in the Union College of Law in Chicago. Two years later he was admitted to the Bar. During several succeeding years, he was engaged in delivering lectures on commercial law and the law of real property in Bryant & Stratton's College, in which he had formerly been a student.

On the 18th of August, 1880, Mr. Ruth was united in marriage with Miss Ella F. Reardon. Three children have been born of their union: Irwin, Chester and Linus C. The parents are members of the Hinsdale Unity Church, and contribute liberally to its support. They occupy an enviable position in social circles, and have won the high regard of all who know them.

In 1881 Mr. Ruth came to Hinsdale, and has since engaged in the practice of his profession with excellent success. He has been honored with a number of official positions, having served as a member of the Board of Trustees and the Board of

Health, and for three years has been Village Attorney. He discharges his duties with a promptness and fidelity that have won him high commendation, and his public and private life are alike above reproach. In politics, he is a supporter of the Republican party. He owns some good property in Hinsdale, including his pleasant residence, and was one of the organizers of the Hinsdale

Building and Loan Association, of which he has served as attorney from the start. He is ever found in the front rank of any enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit, and is alive to the best interests of this community and its welfare. Public-spirited and progressive, he is a valued citizen and a man of sterling worth.

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## CHARLES BENNETT SMITH.

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**C**HARLES BENNETT SMITH, only son of William G. Smith, a pioneer of DuPage County, this State, is one of the most successful business men of Wheaton. He was born in Whitehall, N. Y., April 6, 1853, and was brought to Illinois when an infant. He attended the public schools at Warrenville and Wheaton, and was a student of Wheaton College two years. At the age of seventeen, he began learning the railroad station business at Elmhurst, and soon found employment in the station at Wheaton, becoming a skillful telegraph operator. In the spring of 1872 he was made agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway and the American Express Company at Westside, Crawford County, Iowa, and filled that position eight years. He then took charge of the station at Carroll, an important division point on the Northwestern system, for three years. At the end of that time, at his request, he was transferred to the charge of Wheaton Station, being at the time the oldest agent in point of service on the Northwestern line west of Boone. Mr. Smith was determined to improve his opportunities, and soon after locating at Wheaton, he opened a real-estate and insurance office, in which he transacted a large amount of business. He is one of those who are responsible for the incorporation of the city, and

for the modern improvements which make it a desirable place of residence. He served four years as City Clerk, but has never been a seeker after political preferment. He is keenly alive to business opportunities, and is quite content to let others handle the reins of government. He is a stockholder in the company which supplies the city with electric light, and during the Columbian Exposition was Vice-President of the Epworth Hotel Restaurant Company, an organization which built and operated a successful hotel near the Fair grounds.

In 1890 Mr. Smith was appointed Assistant Claim Agent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, a position that he has acceptably filled since. With no influence to push him, save his own energy and ability, he has attained a responsible position with an extensive corporation at an age when many are still apprentices. Mr. Smith is an active and enthusiastic Republican, and carries an influence in local political affairs. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and of several fraternal orders.

On the 30th of December, 1875, Mr. Smith was married to his childhood's playmate and schoolmate, Laura Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Jude P. Gary, a pioneer of DuPage County. Mrs. Smith was born in Winfield Township, and



is a valuable member of Wheaton society. To the aged parents of Mr. Smith she is like one born to them, and in every relation of life is the worthy helpmate of a popular citizen. Mrs. Smith has been throughout her adult life one of the most faithful and efficient members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been for many years the leading soprano singer in the

choir of the Wheaton Church. Two children have been given to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely, Laura Eoleen and Winifred Alice.

In 1892 Mr. Smith built the fine residence which he occupies at the southwest corner of West Street and Washington Avenue. It is the seat of quiet elegance and refined hospitality.

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## JOHN R. WHEELER.

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JOHN R. WHEELER, for many years prominent in the business, social and religious life of Chicago, was born in East Greene, Chenango County, N. Y., on the 31st of December, 1827. His grandfather, Samuel Wheeler, came with his family from England and settled in East Greene in 1792. At that time the town of East Greene had not been created. It was taken from the town of Union, Tioga (now Broome) County, in 1798, and was named for Gen. Nathaniel Greene, of Revolutionary fame. A settlement of French refugees was made on the east side of the river at Greene in 1792, and a few families of these remained to form a part of the permanent settlement, though most of them moved away in a short time. Samuel Wheeler was among the settlers of the northern part of the town, where he engaged in farming. Both he and his wife died in 1808.

Capt. Samuel Wheeler, son of Samuel, was a soldier in the War of 1812. The subject of this biography was the seventh in a family of nine children born to him and his wife, Tamar Barnes. Their names in order are: William, Melissa, Harriet, George, Sarah Ann, Charles H., John R., Mary and Margaret.

John R. Wheeler passed his minority upon his

father's farm, completing his school days at the academy in Greene. In early life he taught school at East Greene and Oxford, and for five years engaged in farming near Oxford, after which he kept a general store twelve years at Oxford, N. Y. He served several terms in Oxford as Town Supervisor and County School Commissioner. Having been moderately successful, the result of persistent attention to business, he resolved to seek a new field of operations in the great West, and removed to Chicago in March, 1869. Here he invested his capital in real estate, and with such good judgment did he handle his holdings that he was made independent. He always took an intelligent interest in questions affecting the general welfare, and was soon called upon to serve his fellows in various official capacities. For a time he served as Superintendent of the Western Railway Weighing Association. Believing in the fundamental principles of the Republican party, he gave his earnest support to the cause of that organization. In 1884 he was a delegate from the Third Illinois District to the National Republican Convention, and was intensely devoted to Mr. Blaine. The next year he presided over the Cook County Republican Convention, and the following spring was elected

Alderman from the then Ninth Ward. He was the Republican Presidential Elector from the Third District in 1888, and was appointed a member of the State Railroad and Warehouse Commission the next year, being made Chairman of the Board. He was re-appointed in 1891, and acted until about a month before his death, which sad event occurred February 19, 1893. His demise, soon after the completion of his sixty-fifth year, was supposed to be the result of a severe attack of la grippe in the spring of 1892.

Mr. Wheeler was for eighteen years a Deacon in the Second Baptist Church of Chicago. In every relation of life, he strove to do his whole duty, and entered into every undertaking with his full strength. During the Civil War he attempted to give his services in defense of the Union, but was rejected on account of an injury which he sustained in earlier years. By precept and example, he sought to lead others in the way of duty and right.

In July, 1849, Mr. Wheeler took for a help-mate Miss Eliza Ann Tremaine, who was born in East Greene, and was three months and eleven

days his junior. She is the fifth of the eight children of Erastus and Lucretia Tremaine, the latter's maiden name having been Race. Her grandfather, Daniel Tremaine, was among the pioneers of East Greene, and was a member of the Baptist Church organized there in 1795. It is probable that he was a descendant of a Huguenot refugee in America, as the name is of undoubted French origin. Daniel Tremaine served in the Revolutionary army, and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga in 1777. He reached the ripe old age of ninety-four years, passing his latter years with his son Erastus, the father of Mrs. Wheeler, near East Greene.

Three children were given to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, namely: George A., Luella and Ida. The daughters were married on the same day, in October, 1873, the elder becoming the wife of John W. Midgley, Chairman of the Western Freight Association, and the other wedding Enfield D. Moore, Manager of the Chicago Car Service Association. Mrs. Midgley is the mother of four children, Stanley, Arthur, Ethel and Edith.

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## DR. LEONARD PRATT.

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**D**R. LEONARD PRATT, for many years a leading physician of Wheaton, and now a resident of San Jose, Cal., is a native of Towanda, Pa. His parents, Russell and Olive (Towner) Pratt, whose names indicate English ancestry, passed their lives in that place, where Russell Pratt carried on a cooperage business. Leonard Pratt was born December 23, 1819, and is therefore now in his seventy-fourth year, but is still vigorous in mind and body and actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He received his primary education in the Pennsylvania common schools, and his medical training at

Jefferson and Hahnemann Medical Colleges in Philadelphia. For more than fifty years his time has been employed in the healing art, the first years of his practice being passed in his native town. In 1852 he removed to Carroll County, Ill., settling on a farm in Rock Creek Township, one of the finest farms in that county. He removed in 1865 to Wheaton, Ill., for the purpose of educating his son, a biography of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume. He built a fine brick mansion on Main Street (now occupied by Dr. E. C. Guild), where his home remained until 1889, when he removed to his present residence.



Dr. Pratt is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy and of the Illinois and California State Associations of that school, and is a man of fine attainments and progressive ideas. He has always given his political allegiance to the Republican party since its organization. His religious faith is represented by the New Church, commonly known as the Swedenborgian. His time has been given to the demands of a large medical practice, and he has been able to devote but little personal attention to public affairs, although he always took a deep interest in any effort to promote and secure good government. The original charter of the town of Wheaton, which has since become a city, was the work of his mind and pen.

Dr. Pratt was for seven years a member of the faculty of Hahnemann Medical College, of Chicago, filling the chair of Special Pathology and Diagnosis, and was an extensive contributor to

medical literature, being the first Western physician to call the attention of the profession to the clinical thermometer. At the same time he was constantly employed in attending patients in and about Wheaton and Chicago.

Dr. Pratt's wife, Betsy, is a daughter of Lemuel Belding, of Le Raysville, Bradford County, Pa., a widely known Swedenborgian clergyman and physician, who was eminently successful in both capacities. He was a calm, logical speaker, and achieved considerable reputation as an orator. The Belding family is of English lineage. Two sons and two daughters were born to Dr. and Mrs. Pratt, one son dying in infancy, and a daughter, Hattie, at the age of thirteen years, the latter being carried off by the first case of diphtheria known in Rock Creek, Carroll County, Ill. One daughter, Nettie L., is a successful teacher of music at San Jose, Cal.

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## FRANKLIN DWIGHT COSSITT, JR.

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**F**RANKLIN DWIGHT COSSITT, JR., only surviving son of F. D. and Martha L. (Moore) Cossitt, was born in La Grange, Tenn., December 4, 1861, and during his infancy was taken by his parents to Chicago. About a year later his mother died, and he was taken back by her sister to Tennessee, where he continued to make his home until 1869. In his eighth year he returned to Chicago, and attended its public schools and pursued a course in one of its business colleges. At the age of eighteen he opened a general store in La Grange, which he conducted for three years. At the end of this period he sold out, and again took up study at a business college. He next became associated with his father in the real-estate business, a connection which has continued until the present time.

On the 10th of February, 1886, Mr. Cossitt married Miss Margaret A., daughter of Dr. George M. Fox, a prominent citizen of La Grange, whose

biography appears elsewhere in this work. Four children have been born to them, namely: Franklin D., named for his paternal grandfather; George M., named for his maternal grandfather; Jean, who bears the name of her maternal grandmother; and Margaret, her mother's namesake.

In 1889 Mr. Cossitt was elected Trustee of the village of La Grange, and has twice been re-elected, now serving his third term. In 1892 he was elected Highway Commissioner of Lyons Township, and is now Treasurer of that township. In political sentiment, he is a Democrat, and is now serving his second term as a member of the County Democratic Central Committee. The prominent part which he has taken in public affairs, and especially in the upbuilding of this community, entitles him to representation among the public-spirited and progressive citizens of Cook County.

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HENRY JOHNSON

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## HENRY JOHNSON.

**H**ENRY JOHNSON, a prominent business man of the northwestern part of the city, is one of that group of valuable citizens who have gained wealth and business standing entirely through their own resources. He was born in Denmark June 28, 1844, and is a son of Jens and Caron Hanson. His father was a butcher by trade and carried on a business of his own in that line.

Henry Johnson was educated in the common schools of his native land, and having learned the butcher's trade he continued with his father until he reached the age of twenty-two years. He then left home, and in 1866 came to America, locating at first in Wisconsin, where he worked in a saw mill. He came to Chicago the next year and for a period of sixteen years worked in various furniture factories of the city, acquiring considerable mechanical skill and saving quite a sum of money. He next opened a furniture factory on Erie Street, in company with Hans Paulson, but two years later sold out his interest and again took up factory work.

In 1886, for the second time, he entered business on his own account, establishing an under-

taking office at Nos. 794 and 796 West North Avenue. So successful was this venture that he has continued the business at the same location ever since. He erected the building at the above number in 1885, and in 1897 built another building at No. 264 Milwaukee Avenue, where he has another undertaking establishment. He also conducts a fine livery in connection with each branch. In the conduct of his affairs he has ever been energetic and economical, the result being that all his efforts have been crowned with the greatest success.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1869 to Miss Kittie Rasmonson, who died in 1891. She was the mother of two children, William and Amy, both living. Mr. Johnson was married in 1892 to Gensena Marie Madsen. Two children have blessed this marriage, Gensena and Lenora Christina.

The subject of this sketch is a member of the Knights of Honor, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees. He has held various offices in these orders and is popular among their members. Politically he supports the Republican party.



## JACOB SCHNABLE.

JACOB SCHNABLE has been a resident of Chicago more than half a century, and has witnessed almost the entire growth of the great Metropolis of the West. His interests have been with it and the people that reside in it, and his influence has been used in their favor at all times. He was born in Alsace, then a part of France, November 6, 1826, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret Schnable, both natives of Alsace.

Jacob Schnable, senior, was a farmer by occupation, and in 1845 both parents, with two daughters and two sons, left their native land on April 16, bound for the New World. They sailed from Havre on a sailing vessel and forty-five days later landed in New York. They came direct to Chicago, as their proposed destination was the State of Illinois, where a neighbor had located a year previously. Arriving at Chicago they stopped for a few days on Clark Street.

There were seven families who came together from the same place, and they separated, three families going to Naperville, in Du Page County. Four families, including that of Mr. Schnable, removed to Lake County. At Wheeling Mr. Schnable met an acquaintance who induced him to go to Long Grove, Lake County. There he subsequently purchased a farm and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred July 1, 1868, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife died January 14, 1871, in the seventy-sixth year of her age. Their children were: Jacob, of this article; George, a tiller of the soil in Lake

County; Sarah, who died in Lake County; and Ellen, wife of Daniel Roth, who resides at the corner of Hoyne and Haddon Avenues, Chicago.

Jacob Schnable, whose name heads this notice, was educated in the parish schools of his native place. He was sixteen years old when he entered into a two-years' apprenticeship to learn the cabinet-maker's trade. After his arrival in Chicago he was employed at this trade by John Weir, and later with Clark & Hesse, located at the corner of Madison and Dearborn Streets. For a period of eighteen months he was with Coe & Mills, and subsequently entered the employ of Jacobus Brothers, in their factory. He continued thus occupied about nine years, and then entered the service of Cleveland & Russell, having charge of a machine for making sash and doors. After the business went into the hands of S. I. Russell, he continued with him and was occupied at general machine work.

Being a natural machinist, he could turn his hand to any kind of mechanism, and his services were valued at all times in this line. After Mr. Russell removed to Twenty-second Street and established a planing-mill and box factory Mr. Schnable became the engineer. Later Mr. Russell removed to the corner of Washington and Jefferson Streets and with F. W. Krause carried on the business of the Franklin Machine Works.

Mr. Schnable did nearly all kinds of work, from putting up machinery to pattern making. He remained there until the partnership was dis-

solved, after which he went with J. O. Perin and operated an engine for him for a short time. He was subsequently in the employ of J. K. Russell, located at the corner of Fulton and Des Plaines Streets, and managed a stationary engine for him until Mr. Russell sold out. Mr. Schnable remained with the successors until July, 1893. He was economical and saved his earnings, and invested in a lot on Pearce Street, where he built a house. He later sold this house and built a larger house on the same lot. In 1881 he erected a house on Superior Street, and in 1892 purchased property at No. 318 North Robey Street, and built his present commodious residence, where he and his estimable wife live in retirement.

His first presidential vote was cast for Lewis Cass. He supported John C. Fremont in 1856, and on the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks. He supported it for several years, but lately has acted independently, supporting the man whom he thinks is best qualified to properly discharge the duties of official station. He has been a member of Harmonia Lodge No. 221, Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

since 1864, and is a member of Germania Encampment, and his wife of the Rebekah degree, in the same order.

In the fall of 1854 he married Miss Barbara Sigwalt, who came to Cook County in 1844. They have two children: Emil Rudolph, a civil engineer, resident of Ravenswood; and Clara Emma, a successful teacher, who is employed in the Wells School. Mrs. Schnable died March 1, 1874, mourned by her family and many friends. In 1881 Mr. Schnable married Mrs. Augusta, widow of Conrad Bodenschatz. She was born in Prussia, Germany. By her first marriage she has two sons, Jacob and Henry, both of whom have been several years in the employ of H. M. Hooker & Company. Mr. and Mrs. Schnable are Protestants, but not connected with any religious organization. Mr. Schnable is an interesting, intelligent man, who keeps himself informed on the questions of the day, and converses freely on many interesting incidents in the early history of Chicago. He has witnessed the growth of the great city from a population of about twenty-five thousand people.

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## CHARLES PETERSON.

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**C**HARLES PETERSON, who is one of the most upright citizens of Chicago, was born January 17, 1844. At the time of his birth his parents, John and Eliza Peterson, resided in Smoland, Sweden. Though he never forgets the beauties of the land of his birth, he is loyal to his adopted country.

John Peterson, his wife and four children, arrived in Chicago July 18, 1854. They reached Boston July 4, having sailed from Guttenburg, Sweden, eight weeks and three days previously.

John Peterson was a cabinet-maker and had possessed his own shop in his native land. On reaching Chicago he located on the West Side, on Austin Avenue. He was employed in a lumber yard, following the trade of a carpenter. The climate did not agree with him in this city, and in 1858 he removed to Porter County, Indiana. He lived there until his death, and his remains were interred in that place. He was born December 2, 1816, and died December 6, 1887. Mrs. John Peterson was born in 1810, and died in 1869.



Her children were: Andrew, John, Charles, Annie, August (deceased), August, and one daughter who died young.

Charles Peterson left his father's farm in Indiana in 1864, and located in Chicago. He learned the painter's trade with John Walsh, who was located on Ontario Street, and with whom he remained three years. He subsequently did journeyman work and after the fire of 1871 contracted for his own interests. He is at present occupied as journeyman. Being very successful and economical, in 1884 he was able to erect a residence at No. 6747 Lafayette Avenue, where he has since been located.

Mr. Peterson was married December 13, 1872, to Miss Emma Anderson, daughter of John and Mary (Monson) Anderson. Mrs. Peterson was born May 1, 1849, at Sabe, Smoland, Sweden, and came to America in 1864. Her children are as follows: Alma Josephine, born December 16, 1873, died September 22, 1875; Martha Emma Alice, born January 25, 1876, married James E. Freeman, and resides at No. 6844 Wabash Ave-

nue, her only child being named Catherine; Carl Oscar August, born January 24, 1878, died March 25, 1879; Alice Christina, born December 6, 1879; Oscar Edwin, born January 24, 1882; Carl Robert, born March 15, 1884, died October 9, 1884; Anna Mabel, born October 7, 1885; Harry Arthur, born January 1, 1888; Raymond W. born October 3, 1890; Carrie Esther Marie, born May 30, 1893; and an infant boy, born December 28, 1895, died next day.

Of a cheerful disposition, Mr. Peterson is always entertaining and a pleasant companion. He is a good conversationalist and a gentleman in every sense of the word. Mrs. Peterson is of a like temperament and their children, seven of whom are still at home, partake of the characteristics of their parents. They are bright, wide-awake and up-to-date Americans. Mr. Peterson's pleasant home on Lafayette Avenue was the third built in the block, and is one of the neatest and handsomest on the street. He has never sought public office, but upholds the principles and candidates of the Republican party.

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## JOHN OTT.

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**J**OHN OTT. Histories of the great Chicago fire tell of many cases where the work of reconstruction was begun before the blackened bricks and stones were cold, but there is authentic record of only one instance in which the rebuilding of a burned structure was commenced so quickly that the still-smoldering ruins set fire to the first scaffold erected.

John Ott, of No. 626 North Robey Street, was the hero of that instance, which was due to the great energy that is a marked characteristic of his life. He erected the first building on North Clark Street (at No. 625) after the fire, and the scaffold was built amid ruins which were so hot

that it was set on fire and quickly consumed. Another scaffold was promptly raised, and the building that followed still stands as a monument to the pluck of a typical Chicagoan.

Mr. Ott has been prominently identified with the building interests of Chicago many years and is one of the most popular men in that line of business. He was born in Holstein, Germany, on the 30th of August, 1840, and is a son of Peter and Dorothy Ott, both of whom died in the Fatherland.

After leaving school, where he received an excellent education, John Ott learned the trade of carpenter and followed it until April, 1863,

when he sailed from Hamburg on the clipper ship, "John Bertram." Fifty-three days later he landed in New York, after a stormy passage. With the same farsightedness that he subsequently displayed in business, he selected Chicago as the city offering the greatest inducements to the honest young man who wanted to cut out his own fortune, and came here direct.

At the end of five years, during which time he worked on a salary, he had saved up enough money to go into business for himself, and hung out his sign as a contractor and builder. He was successful from the first and the fidelity with which he executed all his trusts laid the foundation for a valuable and enviable reputation. He was kept very busy after the fire of 1871, and in that and the succeeding four years built many residences and business blocks in all parts of the city. In 1874 he started a lumber yard on the north branch of the Chicago River, at the foot of Lessing Street, two blocks west of Halsted Street, which is now conducted under the name of the Ott Lumber Company.

In 1896, after a successful career of spotless in-

tegrity, Mr. Ott laid aside the cares of active business life, and retired to enjoy the fruits of his labor. In 1883 he returned to Germany and spent three months visiting the scenes of his boyhood days. He has always manifested a keen interest in public affairs, and has shown his sincerity and unselfishness by never seeking office of any kind. In national politics he supports the Republican party, but in local affairs he is for good government, regardless of party.

Mr. Ott is a member of Goethe Lodge No. 329, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to which he has belonged twenty-eight years. He is also a member of Humboldt Encampment No. 101, of the same order, and of Teutonic Maennerchor. June 5, 1864, Mr. Ott married Miss Fredericka Hock, and they have five children, namely: Mary, wife of William A. Boettiger, who is employed by Marshall Field & Company, and resides in Hinsdale; John F., Herman A.; Dora, whose husband, Adam Boettiger, is with the Union Trust Company; and Bertha. The family has long been identified with St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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## CHRISTIAN F. GRIINER.

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**C**HRISTIAN FREDERICK GRIINER, M. D. C. Man's wonderful ability in overcoming natural obstacles and carrying on trade has been greatly increased by the use of animals, and especially the horse. The connection of that noble animal with the history of men and nations is well known, and, though steam and electricity have lowered his pride, the horse is still an important element in the business and pleasure of man. Therefore, one who puts forth his effort to increase the comfort and utility of the horse follows a dignified and necessary calling. Such is the business of the man whose

name heads this article, for he has advanced in this line from the work of shoeing the horse to attending to the animal's diseases in a scientific manner.

He was born in Denmark, May 10, 1866, and spent his school days and early boyhood near the place of his birth. His parents being poor he was obliged to earn his own living, and consequently began life as a blacksmith. For lack of opportunities he might have continued in this calling if he had remained in his native land, but he resolved to seek greater advantages in America. In 1886 he crossed the Atlantic and located



in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he commenced learning the English language and worked as a horseshoer. In this work he became very skillful and took pride in his knowledge of the hoof of the horse and its needs. After two years at this location he removed to Chicago, where he continued the same work. Here he had excellent opportunities for observation, and gained a reputation for careful, intelligent work.

In 1889 he opened a shop of his own at No. 881 West North Avenue, and soon secured a large patronage among those who required expert work in his line. Two years later he built his present shop and residence at No. 792 West North Avenue. His large experience has made him familiar with the symptoms and treatment of many of the diseases peculiar to horses, and he decided to add to this knowledge by a scientific study of veterinary surgery. He accordingly took a course in the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in 1897. Since that

time he has practiced in his profession and has conducted a veterinary hospital at the above number. He has also kept up his horseshoeing establishment, where he employs the most skilled workmen to be obtained. Thus he has attained a laudable ambition and, though he began life in his adopted country without capital, he has accumulated property which places him beyond the reach of want. As he is just entering the prime of life a bright future is before him, which, if he but pursues the same course which he has followed in the past, will be crowned with success.

In 1893 Mr. Griener was married to Miss Caroline Schneider, and their union has been blessed by the birth of one son, Arthur, born January 19, 1897. The subject of this sketch belongs to Garden City Lodge No. 141, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Royal League, the Royal Arcanum and the State and City Veterinary Associations. In politics he is a Democrat.

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## AXEL T. LINDBERG.

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**A**XEL THEODORE LINDBERG, who carries on an undertaking business at No. 261 Grand Avenue, is an enterprising man who has resided in Chicago nearly a third of a century. He was born in the southern part of Sweden, July 13, 1849, and is a son of John and Lena Lindberg, who came to America about 1864. They had four sons and four daughters, namely: August, who is in the employ of Marshall Field & Company; Christina, wife of Carl Lindahl; Axel T., of this article; Charles, also with Marshall Field & Company; Emma; Fred, who is in business at the corner of State and Illinois Streets; and Tillie, deceased. The father died in Cook County about 1878, and the mother passed away in Chicago in 1882.

A. T. Lindberg was reared to farm life and educated in the public schools of his native land. He came to America in 1868, being the last of the family to emigrate, and came directly to Chicago to join his parents. Soon after his arrival he entered the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Company, as a porter, but was soon taken into Henry Field's office as a clerk. Active, energetic, capable and prompt in the discharge of every duty, he was promoted from time to time until he became one of the most successful salesmen in the employ of the firm, and remained with them nearly seventeen years.

In 1884 he formed a partnership with Mr. Segersten in the undertaking business, at No. 121 East Chicago Avenue. This connection con-

tinued a year and one-half, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Lindberg started his present business, which he has since conducted with gratifying success. Mr. Lindberg supports the candidates of the Republican party in national elections, but acts independently in local affairs.

In 1875 he married Miss Julia Severson, of Stoughton, Wisconsin. In social and fraternal societies he takes a lively interest, being a mem-

ber of the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Chosen Friends. Mr. Lindberg is not a member of any religious organization, but is a man of good morals and exemplary habits, and contributes liberally of his means to the support of the different churches in his vicinity, and freely gives his influence in support of every worthy enterprise.

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## THEODORE F. STOFFREGEN.

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**T**HEODORE FREDERICK STOFFREGEN one of the most prominent citizens and business men in the vicinity in which he resides, was born June 7, 1864, in Hanover, Germany. His parents were Henry and Augusta (Mertens) Stoffregen. Henry Stoffregen was born January 1, 1824, and died in the spring of the year 1867.

He was a cloth weaver by occupation and married for his first wife Louisa Mertens, and his children were named: Augusta, born July 9, 1851; William, who still remains in Germany; and John, who lives at No. 6208 Morgan Street, Chicago. John Stoffregen came to America in 1865, and located in Chicago. His uncle, August Stoffregen, had located here twenty-five years before.

In 1852 Henry Stoffregen married Augusta Mertens for his second wife, a young lady who was no relation of his first wife, though of the same name. She was the daughter of Frederick and Doretta Mertens, and was born December 15, 1832, in Osteroda. Her paternal grandfather was William Mertens, who had three children: Frederick, Louisa and one other whose name is not recorded. Mrs. Stoffregen and her step-daughter, Augusta, and Theodore, who was then but three years of age, reached Chicago July 1,

1867. She had but little money and immediately began to seek employment to support herself and family. She conducted a boarding house seven years at the corner of Thirty-ninth Street and Wentworth Avenue, and subsequently went to live with her son, and still makes her home with him.

Theodore F. Stoffregen attended the Springer School, where he graduated, and night sessions of Bryant & Stratton's Business College. He began to work for P. D. Armour at the Stock Yards, as cash boy, and later began to cut meat. He continued thus occupied seven years in the retail department, and the same length of time in the wholesale department. He then ventured into business for his own interests, and located at No. 3908 Wentworth Avenue, keeping a meat market. After three years he sold out and entered the employ of the Calumet Canning Company, at the southwest corner of Canal and Jackson Streets, filling the position of shipping clerk three months. He subsequently entered business with John Ramm, the firm name becoming Stoffregen & Company, located at No. 3858 Wentworth Avenue. He remained at this location in the business of selling meat two years before he embarked in the same business at No. 6708 State Street. In 1892 he divided the busi-



ness, retaining his shop on State Street. He purchased property at Nos. 6718-6720 State Street and erected a building on the ground, conducting a like business at this number, and in 1898 built at No. 6718, having made the purchase in 1897. He now has both places occupied by his store, and conducts one of the most successful and extensive grocery stores and meat markets in East Englewood.

Mr. Stoffregen was married March 11, 1891, to Minnie Otto, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Arnold) Otto. She was born on Harrison Street, near State Street, March 4, 1864. Her father resides at No. 7030 Rhodes Avenue. Mrs. Stoffregen is the mother of three children. Theodore Edward was born January 2, 1892, died November 27, 1892; Alma Roberta was born July 22, 1894; and Irene Augusta, January 9, 1897.

Mr. Stoffregen was made a Mason in Waldeck Lodge No. 674. He is also connected with Acme Tent, Knights of the Maccabees; and Court Conklin No. 162, Independent Order of Forest-

ers. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, and is independent in his political views.

Although of foreign birth, Mr. Stoffregen was brought to America when so young that he is in all essential respects an American. He is very loyal to the interests of his adopted country, has a good business established, and is on the rapid road to success. He is a man of pleasing address, which he inherits from his mother, who is a lady of extraordinary strength of character and bravery of heart. She emigrated from her native land with but little of this world's goods, and three children to care for, the youngest—the man whose name heads this article—scarce out of arms. She did what she could that her children might be given the advantages of life in the New World, and it is no more than just to say that in her old age, the evening of her life, she is amply repaid in seeing three of her children more than prosperous and an honor to her and themselves as well as the world at large. She will have a happy home as long as she is spared to them.

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## CHARLES MEISTER.

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**C**HARLES MEISTER, who died at his home No. 142 Fry Street, January 15, 1899, after an illness of but a few hours, was a builder and contractor in Chicago nearly forty years. He was born in Schwarzburg, Sunderschausen, Germany, July 25, 1824. His parents were William and Dorothy Meister, both of whom died in Germany.

Charles Meister learned the business of a stone and brick mason in the Fatherland, and became proficient in every detail of the trade. In 1850 he married Miss Augusta Doll, a native of the same place as himself, and in 1854 they came to the United States and located in Chicago, where for three years he worked at his trade for

wages. In the year 1857 he began taking contracts for building on his own account. He carried on a successful business for many years, and built numerous residences and business places, and at times furnished work for large numbers of skilled mechanics and laborers. His operations along this line continued up to 1896, when, having accumulated a comfortable competence, he retired from active work and was succeeded by his son, Louis Meister.

From the time he came to the city he lived in the Sixteenth Ward, and during his long residence and successful business career in Chicago, made many warm friends. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of all with whom business or

social relations brought him in contact. His was a quiet but industrious and unostentatious life of usefulness, and in his demise the community lost a good citizen.

In social orders he took especial interest, as he was many years a member of Goethe Lodge No. 329, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Humboldt Encampment No. 101, of the same

fraternity, and also of the Sons of Herman. He leaves a widow, who was his faithful companion nearly half a century, and two sons and one daughter, Oscar, Louis and Emma. The latter is the wife of Swan Swanson. The first was born in Germany and the last two in Chicago. All are members of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and respected members of society.

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## WILLIAM SENGER.

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**W**ILLIAM SENGER belongs to that class of German people who adopt the United States as their home and prosper as many Americans cannot do. They possess that stamina and stability of character that persevere in spite of all obstacles. Born September 20, 1846, in the village of Jenkendorf, Posen, Prussia, he is a son Ludwig and Louisa (Jans) Senger. He reached Chicago November 26, 1869, and although he cherishes a fond memory of his native country, is loyal to the interests of his adopted country and its people.

He entered the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, first on track work, and for thirty years has been a valuable servant of this corporation. He has worked his way upward until he now occupies a position of trust. For six years he was in the same place and was then made section foreman, covering the tracks from the crossing at Forty-third Street to the one at Twenty-second, including the yard. After filling this station five years, he was given charge of the tracks from Forty-third Street to Englewood, which was in his care three years, and in 1881 he was made a clerk in the road-master's office. He was subsequently made assistant road master and fills that position at present.

In 1887 Mr. Senger purchased his residence at No. 5920 La Salle Avenue, and has since resided there. He erected a house at No. 4043 Armour Avenue in 1872, and lived there until he moved into his present home, and now rents the house on Armour Avenue. He was first married in 1869, to Miss Louisa Radtke, daughter of Ludwig Radtke. Mrs. Senger was born February 29, 1852, in the same village as her husband, and came to America in 1869. She died May 24, 1879, deeply mourned by family and friends, and her remains were interred in Oakwoods Cemetery. She had four children, who are thus mentioned: John William, born January 5, 1871, married Harriet Soylon, March 20, 1892. He is a clerk in the service of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, at its shops at the corner of Sixty-third and State Streets. His children were named: Harriet; Robert, who died at the age of three months; and Nellie. Karl August, the second of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Senger, was born February 28, 1873, and is following the trade of a carpenter. Emma Louisa, born July 23, 1875, married August Huntstein, a laundryman, and resides No. 4618 State Street. Louis Frederick, born February 14, 1877, resides with his father.

For his second wife Mr. Senger married Miss



Louisa, daughter of Frederick Shweppe, December 20, 1884. Mrs. Senger died December 8, 1893, at the age of thirty-five years, her remains being interred in Oakwoods Cemetery. She had three children: George Frederick, born January 17, 1885; Charles Gustav, December 9, 1887; and Elizabeth Annie, March 12, 1889.

May 26, 1895, Mr. Senger was married to Miss Emily Othelia, daughter of Christoph and Bertha (Pipher) Erdman. Mrs. Senger was born in Posen, Prussia, Germany, January 23, 1870, and

came to America in 1891. Her children are: Helen Augusta, born January 31, 1896, and Adolph Albert, October 25, 1897. Mr. Senger is a stanch Republican, and comes of a Protestant family. He is one of the prosperous German-born citizens who help to make up the better part of our city. He has been faithful to the trust reposed in him, and came near losing his life in the discharge of his duties, sustaining serious injuries, whose effects remain to the present time, and was for a time unable to be about.

## JOHN S. BIELFELDT.

JOHN SIMON BIELFELDT, who comes of a very old and respected family, is the most prominent citizen of Thornton, Illinois, which town was insignificant until the family of Bielfeldt located there, and the name Thornton is associated with the large breweries owned by the man whose name heads this article. He was born January 26, 1834, in the town of Hemme, Holstein, Germany, and is a type of the popular German-American citizen who has adopted this country for his home. His parents were Simon and Katharine (Paulson) Bielfeldt, and his father possesses many of the energetic and sterling qualities which he inherits.

The great-grandfather of John Simon Bielfeldt, Henry Bielfeldt, was a tiller of the soil and lived to the age of ninety-three years. He had two sons, Henry and Simon, and three daughters. The maternal great-grandfather was John Peters, who lived to the advanced age of ninety years. He had four children: John, Cornelius, Katharine and one other whose name is not recorded. J. S. Bielfeldt's maternal grandfather was a carpenter and joiner and died in 1826, at the age of fifty years. His wife died in 1851, aged eighty-eight years. Her children by Mr.

Paulson were: Hermann, Simon, Henry, Katharine and Elizabeth. He was twice married, this being his second wife.

Simon Bielfeldt, father of the subject, was born May 1, 1810, a son of Simon and Katrina (Peters) Bielfeldt, in the province of Schleswig, Germany. He learned several trades, but followed that of carpenter and wagon-maker after locating in America. He was married in October, 1831, to Miss Katharine Paulson, daughter of John Paulson. Mrs. Bielfeldt was born in 1803 and her children were: John Simon, Frederick, Katharine, Elizabeth, and three others. With their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bielfeldt emigrated from their native land in 1851, and located in Blue Island, where they remained one year. They subsequently removed to Homewood, where they conducted a hotel two years.

In 1857 John Simon Bielfeldt, the son of Simon Bielfeldt, and the oldest of his father's children, located in Thornton and erected a brewery, and started in business in 1858, with a ten barrel kettle. In 1876 he built the building which is on the site at the present time and began a twenty barrel business. In 1895 he was enabled to place a fifty barrel kettle, and in 1896 put up an

ice plant, having increased the size of the brewery the previous year. He is doing a thriving business, the market being in the surrounding towns, mostly in Blue Island, Lansing, Hegevisch, Thornton and other towns.

In 1876 he erected a residence, and also owns property on Bowen Avenue and on Thirty-eighth Street, near Langley Avenue. He also possesses residence property on South Chicago Avenue, near One Hundred and Second Street, and in Chicago Heights. January 26, 1858, Mr. Bielfeldt was married to Miss Criscentia, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Ladoux. She was born September 13, 1835, in Canton Berne, Switzerland. Her death occurred August 14, 1895.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bielfeldt. Elizabeth was born February 18, 1859, and resides with her husband, Henry Templin, in Thornton. Of William Simon further mention appears elsewhere in this volume. Frederick Joseph, born May 22, 1863, married Minnie Mil-

ler and resides at Homewood. Emma died at the age of nine months, and Tena was born November 27, 1866. John Bernhardt, born October 13, 1868, resides at home with his parents. Edward died at the age of three years. Dorothea Charlotte, born January 12, 1873, married Rudolph Schreiber, a machinist, and lives at Roseland. Amelia Mary was born May 15, 1876, and Francis, August 19, 1878.

Mr. Bielfeldt is a Republican, and was honored one term with a seat in the Legislature, but finding it took too much of his time, he declined to serve another term. This was in 1877, and he was on Committees on Roads, Bridges and License. His ancestors were German Lutheran. The town of Thornton was settled in 1834, and as has been stated, amounted to next to nothing until the family of Bielfeldt settled there. The brewery has increased the business of the section and the most of its growth has been during the past two years.

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## JAMES SKALLERUP.

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JAMES SKALLERUP, who has made a reputation for excellent business methods and strong personal qualities in the city of his adoption, was born near Thisted, Denmark, January 4, 1858. He is a son of Christian Nielsen and Anna (Jens-daughter) Skallerup. The parents of Christian N. Skallerup were natives of the village of Skallerup, and when the father entered the Danish army he was given the cognomen of Skallerup as a surname. Christian N. and Anna Skallerup emigrated to America in 1869, with their family of seven children. The two youngest died soon after their arrival, a son Otto, aged three years, and a daughter, Karen, aged one year. The other five children are still living. Niels resides in Chicago; Mary is the

wife of Charles K. Foster, of Colesburg, Iowa; James is the next in order of birth; and Christ H. and James Peter are in the commission business in South Water Street, Chicago. The mother of this family died in 1894 in Pine River, Waushara County, Wisconsin, and in spite of his advanced age of seventy-four years the father is now engaged in buying and shipping produce at Seymour, Wisconsin.

James Skallerup resided on the farm operated by his father until the family emigrated to America. He attended school three years and learned the elements of the language of his native land. At the age of ten years he found himself in the rapidly developing city of Chicago, which was to be the scene of his future activities. He was



able to supplement his education with a few months in the public school located at the corner of Harrison and Halsted Streets. At the age of twelve years he was apprenticed to a cigar maker, and subsequently worked eighteen years as a journeyman. So well did he attend to the business which he had chosen that he became very proficient in his art and when, in 1890, the *Daily News* offered a medal in a contest given at Farwell's Hall, Mr. Skallerup won the prize as the speediest workman.

In 1890 he launched into business for himself, at No. 869 North Whipple Street, where he has built up a successful trade. He erected a convenient factory at the above number, and has made a reputation as a careful manager. His best known brand is "The Expert."

The subject of this notice has taken an earnest interest in all affairs affecting the laboring classes and has been for many years influential in labor unions. He is a stirring member of the Cigar Makers' Union, which he has served as treasurer and president. In 1889 he was a delegate to the International Cigar Makers' Convention at New York, and again in 1891 at Indianapolis. In 1890 he was president of the Chicago Trade and Labor Assembly, which comprises sixty-eight local unions, and served as grand marshal of the Labor Day parade of that year. In 1891 he was

honored by the Cigar Makers' International Union of the United States and Canada with the office of fourth vice-president.

The same qualities which have made Mr. Skallerup a leader among his associates in labor circles have won for him the respect of his fellow-citizens of all classes. Early in life he became affiliated with the Republican party and has used his customary energy in working for the success of his principles. In 1891 he was elected by his party to the office of county commissioner and filled the post with such credit that he was given the nomination again the next year, only to meet defeat with many others in the Democratic victory of that year. He is ready in the expression of his views and is a prominent member of the Northwest Debating and Improvement Club. He is a member of other societies, including the Valhalla Society, the largest Danish society in America; Dagmar Lodge No. 446, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor; and the North American Union, a fraternal insurance society.

October 1, 1880, Mr. Skallerup was married to Miss Midde Jensen, one of twin sisters born in Abenrade, Schleswig, Germany. This union has been blessed with six children, of whom the three youngest, Harry W., Walter T. and Otto R., are living.

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## WILLIAM GARBER.

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**W**ILLIAM GARBER, the leading merchant of the village of Lyons, is a native of Buffalo, New York, born on the first day of the year 1848. His parents, Christian and Lucy J. (Raber) Garber, were natives of Switzerland, who emigrated to America previous to 1830 and settled in Buffalo. The father was a tanner by trade, and engaged in the business of making

leather at Buffalo, where both he and his wife ended their days. Their children were named: Frank G., John J., Christian C., Eliza (now Mrs. F. Trankle) and William.

The last-named was but four years old when his parents were taken away. He came to Chicago at the age of eleven years, in 1859. He busied himself at various employments, such as

a boy might undertake, and supported himself from his arrival in this city. From 1860 to 1865 he worked in a grocery store, and for the next six years served the interests of the American Express Company.

From 1871 to 1892 he was employed as traveling salesman by Sherman S. Jewett & Company, among the largest manufacturers of stoves in the country. This long term in the service of one concern proves the sterling nature of his character, as well as his integrity and industry. In the fall of 1892 he embarked in business for himself at Lyons, opening at that time a general store, which he has since conducted successfully. The same qualities which have enabled him to serve others faithfully have contributed to his own success, and he is recognized as a factor in the business community.

November 14, 1886, he was married to Miss Jennie, daughter of Ambrose D. and Martha (Wiley) Hayward, of Chicago, formerly of Massachusetts. They settled in Chicago in 1856. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Garber are named, in order of birth: Irene, William, George, Ethel and Edna—the last two being twins.

Mr. Garber is an active and useful member of the Masonic brotherhood. He has always taken an intelligent interest in public affairs, and has wielded considerable influence in the local councils of the Republican party. Though he has never sought official honors for himself, he has helped many others to attain success politically. In the way of performing his duty toward his fellow-townsmen, he has accepted and filled the positions of village trustee and member of the Board of Education in Lyons.

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## ANDERS LAURSEN.

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ANDERS LAURSEN, who adopted Chicago as his home over thirty years ago, was born in Denmark February 12, 1840. In his native land he learned the trade of tailor, and later spent two and one-half years in the Danish army. He was subsequently a revenue officer for a term of three and one-half years. Like many others of his countrymen, he resolved to leave the crowded cities of Europe and seek fortune in the new and roomy West.

Therefore, severing his connections in Denmark, he crossed the Atlantic and in a few weeks found himself in the busy young city of Chicago. He soon found employment at his trade, and began learning the language and business customs of the New World, and in a few years began a clothing-cutting business for wholesale clothing houses. In this he found his greatest success, and has continued the work up to the present time.

In 1877 Mr. Laursen erected a residence in what is now Artesian Avenue, and in 1887 built a fine three-story brick building at the corner of Rockwell Street and West North Avenue, where he has since made his home. The lower floor is occupied by a drug store, and portions of the rest are also rented. At the time Mr. Laursen located there very few buildings had been built in that section, the nearest house on the north side of North Avenue being at California Avenue.

The subject of this notice was first married in Denmark, and to this union was born a son, who was christened Loritz C. The latter resides with his father, and is engaged in the tea and coffee business at No. 317 East Division Street. Mr. Laursen was married a second time January 22, 1876, to Martha Ericksen, a native of Sweden.

Being a man of rare social qualities, Mr. Laursen is sought after by all classes and, very



naturally, has become identified with various social and benevolent orders. He is a member of Humboldt Park Lodge No. 658, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Dania Lodge No.

2665, Knights of Honor. He is president of the latter, and has held that office once before. He was one of the organizers of the Danish Mutual Aid Association, and was its first president.

## B. J. CIGRAND.

**B** J. CIGRAND, B. S., M. S., D. D. S., although still a young man, has crowded into his few years of active life more of mental activity than makes up the life history of many of his fellow-men. He was born October 1, 1866, at Fredonia, Wisconsin, and it was there he received his early education. Having graduated from the high school, he spent some time on the state survey—his share of the work being usually to attend to the compass. With a desire to help himself to a higher education, he in 1882 entered the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana, and, dividing his time between teaching and study, finished his pedagogical course in 1885. He pursued a scientific course the next year, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Sciences, and then taught four terms in the schools of his native town, two of which his principal subject was German.

He had already spent one year in the study of medicine preparatory to taking a course in dental surgery at the Northern Indiana Normal School, and he accordingly entered the dental department of Lake Forest University, from which he was graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1888, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. With a full determination to thoroughly equip himself for his life work he continued his studies in various institutions; was graduated from the Chicago School of Sciences in 1891, the Haskell School of Prosthetics in 1892, and, with a view to rounding out his mental development, took a non-resident course in Industrial,

Educational and Political Economy in Chicago University in 1892 and 1893.

During part of this time Dr. Cigrand was also engaged in the practice of his profession, in which he met with the success which his educational career seemed to foretell. He has since greatly added to his clientage and numbers among his patrons the best citizens of his section. He has been located in the northwestern part of the city about twelve years, his office being at the corner of North and Milwaukee Avenues.

Aside from his large practice he has found time to devote to many matters growing out of his rank as one of the professional dentists in the country. In 1892 he was elected to the chair of Prosthetic Dentistry in the American College of Dental Surgery, and received an additional professorship in metallurgy the following year. He was president of the same institution for several years and conferred the degree of D. D. S. on upwards of three hundred students. He was elected to the chair of Dental Prosthesis in Northwestern University in 1896, at which time the American College of Dental Surgery became consolidated with the university.

It is natural that a man of his prominence should be sought after as a member by various organizations and he is a valuable member of several. Among them might be mentioned the Illinois State Dental Society, the Chicago Dental Society, the Odontographic Society, the Hayden Dental Society, Dental Protective Association and the Columbian Dental Club. He is an hon-

orary member of the Southwest Michigan Dental Society and of the Northwestern University Alumni Society. He is a member of the Psi Omega Greek Letter Society of the Northwestern University, of the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the National Union, the Knights of the Maccabees, and was formerly a state officer of the Sons of America. He was a member and held an official position at the Columbian Dental Congress, as one of the editorial staff of the *Dental Review*, and in 1894 was elected to membership in the National Association of Dental Faculties. In 1894 he was instrumental in organizing the Alumni Association of the Northern Indiana Normal School, and was its first president.

He has been invited at various times to address state dental gatherings and has always acquitted himself with credit. One of the most notable of these conventions was the Dental Congress held at Baltimore in 1898, and has been a clinician before many dental conventions.

The subject of this notice has been a very prolific writer on many subjects, and those on dentistry appear in the leading journals of the profession. He is the author of a "Compendium of Dentistry" and a "History of Dentistry," both of which are used in dental colleges. He has served as editor of various periodicals, dental and otherwise, among them being the *Chicago Argus*; the *Dental World*; *Home, School and Nation*; *The American Standard Magazine*; and he is at pres-

ent associate editor of the standard dental publication, the *Dental Digest*. He has also contributed numerous articles to periodicals and to the Chicago dailies, for which he receives compensation. Among his other literary works are "The Story of the Great Seal of the United States," in two volumes, and containing seven hundred original engravings; "The Genealogy of the Cigrands," and "Historical Queries and Answers."

Dr. Cigrand possesses a commendable public spirit and is especially interested in the education of the youth of the country. He was influential in the organization of the American Flag Day Association, of which he was its first secretary and twice elected president. He has been for a number of years on the list of speakers appointed by the Cook County Memorial Society to address the pupils of the schools on various patriotic occasions. He was also chosen on the committee to award Victor Lawson Medals in the schools during 1896, 1897 and 1898. On January 12, 1898, the Northern Indiana Normal School conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Science. In 1898 he was elected president of the Illinois Volunteer Relief Society, auxiliary to the Army and Navy League of Chicago.

In 1889 Dr. Cigrand was married to Miss Allie Needham Crispe, of Chicago, and is the father of three children: Bernie, Joice and Elroy. The family occupies a magnificent residence, which was erected in 1898 at the northeast corner of Logan Square and Humboldt Boulevard.

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## JOSEPH WEYER.

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JOSEPH WEYER, a promising young citizen of Chicago, has lived his entire life in this city. He was born here July 21, 1869, and comes of a well-known and refined family. He has received a good education, and fully appre-

ciates the advantages that have been afforded him. For his ancestry refer to the biography of Frederick Weyer on another page of this work.

Joseph Weyer attended the Jones School until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he



resolved to fit himself for a business career and was in Bryant & Stratton's school one year, taking a course in stenography. He subsequently entered the employ of the South Branch Lumber Company. Later Mr. Weyer became private secretary for W. Renshaw, superintendent of the Illinois Central Railroad Company. He proved himself faithful and competent, and his services have ever been compensated accordingly.

Nothing is more conducive to the success of a young man than a cheerful, helpful life companion, such as Mr. Weyer was successful in obtaining. Miss Alforetta Skelly, daughter of James

Skelly, became Mrs. Weyer May 31, 1894. She was born in Chicago and is the mother of two interesting children. Jeanette Grace is now two and one-half years old and Rodney William one. Mr. Weyer is a member of General Sherman Council, Royal League, and is a staunch and loyal Republican. He is an ambitious, energetic young man and deserves the success which his efforts are sure to bring him. His character is honorable and upright, and such virtues are not to be overlooked, in these times of strife and jealousy among men. He has many friends, as has also his worthy and refined wife.

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## BEN DUXSON.

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**B**EN DUXSON, who is one of the respected and well-known citizens of the portion of Chicago surrounding his home, is a valued employe in the Stock Yards. He was born December 29, 1861, in Cambridgeshire, England, and is a son of James and Jane (West) Duxson. James Duxson, with his wife and four children, came to America twenty-five years ago, in 1874, and located in Chicago. He was a blacksmith by occupation and conducted his own shop, both in his native land and after coming to America. His two sons, Ben and William, engaged in teaming in Chicago. The former's name heads this article and a history of the life of the latter appears elsewhere in this volume. The two sons now reside at the old homestead, at No. 5916 State Street, which the father erected in 1883. J. Duxson died about 1888, and the mother is also deceased. Their children were named: Ben, William, Sarah and Elizabeth.

Ben Duxson carried on the enterprise of teaming and general hauling, and is now an employe of the Continental Packing Company, at the Union Stock Yards, having charge of the ice ma-

chines. During the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago he was driver of Engine Company, No. 1, of the Chicago Fire Department.

He was married November 2, 1881, to Miss Johanna Duggan, who was born in a building at the corner of Sixty-fifth and State Streets, Chicago. The house is only a short distance from where she now lives. Her sister became the wife of the brother of Mr. Duxson, William Duxson, and the two families reside at the old homestead. This is an instance where two brothers married two sisters and the families on both sides were residents of the same neighborhood for several years, where the daughters were born.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Duxson are as follows: James, born December 25, 1882; Sarah, March 2, 1886; and Katy, December 30, 1889. The family of Duxson has ever been a highly respected and honored one, and success has followed the endeavors, energy and ambition which are characteristic of the name. Mr. Duxson has a pleasant home, a congenial life companion, and interesting children, who will prove the blessing he and his worthy wife deserve.

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HENRY NIEMEYER.

## HENRY NIEMEYER.

HENRY NIEMEYER was for many years prominently connected with the business interests of Chicago. He was born September 28, 1825, close to Mariensee, Hanover, Germany, and was the oldest son of Diedrich and Wilhemina (Dempwolf) Niemeyer, both of whom were members of old and respected German families. Henry was educated in the parochial school, and on attaining the age of fourteen years was confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. His father was a tailor by trade and after leaving school Henry served a regular apprenticeship with him, and worked at the trade of tailor until he emigrated to America. In 1847 he left his beloved Fatherland and came to the United States, and after a monotonous and uneventful ocean voyage landed at New York. He remained in that city one year, working at his trade. The next year he came to Chicago and for some time worked as a journeyman tailor. Being industrious and ambitious to succeed in the world he carefully saved his earnings, and when he had a snug little sum on hand he began business for himself in a small way. His first venture was keeping a fruit stand, which proved a profitable investment and soon developed into a store. Later he kept the Sailors' Hotel on Water Street. While thus employed he invested the profits of his business in real estate on the northwest corner of Canal and Fourteenth Streets, upon which he built a three-story building.

He opened a hotel there and did a profitable business until his premises were destroyed by fire in the summer of 1861, meeting a total loss. Being out of business he decided to take a few months' vacation, during which time he visited Germany and spent some time in his native

place. On his return to Chicago he rebuilt, this time with stores for renting. In the days of his prosperity he had bought property on Milwaukee Avenue at the corner of Green Street. In the winter of 1861-62 he opened a hotel on that property, continuing the business until 1863, when he returned to Canal Street, and having previously bought the lot, built on the opposite corner from his stores, and there followed the same business for a few years, when he gave up the hotel and started a toy and notion store and did a profitable trade until 1872, when he gave up business, moved to Englewood, and lived in retirement the remainder of his days. He died December 8, 1877, leaving his widow and daughter an abundance of this world's goods.

Mr. Niemeyer began life a poor boy, in fact on his arrival in America was in debt to a friend for a part of his passage money. But by that industry, characteristic of his nationality, combined with good business ability, he won success by honorable methods. Although he never sought public office of any kind, he always took a keen interest in public affairs and was ever loyal to his adopted country. He joined the Republican party at its organization and became prominent in the councils of the party and not only attended many county, state and national conventions, but spent much of his time and money to insure the success of the party. He was an intimate friend of "Long John Wentworth" and had personal acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln, whom he helped to nominate for the presidency in 1860.

In social and benevolent orders he took an active part, having been a member of Robert Blum Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a charter member of Hoffnung Lodge, of the



same order, which was organized through his influence and held in his lodge hall. In 1853 he married Miss Louise Tegtemeyer, by whom he had two children. Sophia is the wife of Theodore Hartmann and lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Frederick died in infancy. Mrs. Niemeyer died in 1860. On July 8, 1862, he married Miss

Louise, daughter of Conrad and Charlotte (Schumacher) Fromling, who was born October 18, 1839, and reared in the same parish as himself. They became the parents of three children, all of whom are deceased. Hermina died at the age of twenty-one years and Frederick and Christina passed away in childhood.

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## WILLIAM J. McCORKINDALE.

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**W**ILLIAM JAMES McCORKINDALE, superintendent of the Harvey Transit Company at Harvey, Illinois, is a gentleman whose fitness for the successful conduct of complicated and arduous duties is amply proven. He is one of the progressive and up-to-date citizens of Harvey, and one whose judgment is widely appreciated. It is with pleasure his many friends learn of his employers' determination to keep him in a position where their best interests are concerned and friends constantly gained for their companies.

The Harvey Transit Company, organized in August, 1891, operates the water works, the electric lighting system and the street car line to West Harvey. The water works system has been kept abreast of the demands, now having fifteen miles of mains, with one hundred and forty hydrants. The original source of supply has been superseded by a system of artesian wells at West Harvey, sunk to a depth of sixteen hundred eight feet. The water is raised by compressed air, which operates at the same time the aerating of the water, thus liberating the obnoxious gases and making the supply the most desirable for domestic use. Over twenty-five thousand dollars have been expended in these later improvements. In January, 1892, the electric lighting plant was installed, so that Harvey has ever been one of the best lighted towns of its size.

It has a capacity of one hundred arc and thirteen hundred incandescent lights. For six years the supervision of these plants has been held by Mr. McCorkindale, the number of consumers increasing during the time from one hundred to six hundred.

Mr. McCorkindale was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, of Scotch parentage. His father, William McCorkindale, is chief engineer of the New Orleans Electric Light and Power Company, the largest plant in the south. Educated in Glasgow, he became a marine engineer, and for twenty-seven years had charge of the engines on various ocean vessels. He is well known in Harvey, where he has frequently visited, and the benefit of his wide experience is somewhat embodied in its excellent electric system.

William J. McCorkindale spent considerable time as a youth with his father on the ocean and early became familiar with delicate and complicated machinery. Educated in Tulane High School and the University at New Orleans, he became a teacher of manual training in the latter institution, until, in March, 1891, he came to Chicago as cashier of the Harvey Steel Car Company. The same parties owned the Transit Company and transferred him, placing him in charge of the latter company's accounts, soon making him secretary of the company, which position in less than one year gave place to the general su-

perintendency, a position where his worth has been ably and repeatedly shown. His value as a citizen becoming recognized, he was asked to serve as a member of the township school trustees and was elected for a three-year term. He is identified with the Republican party, though he holds to quite liberal views. He is a member of Magic City Lodge No. 832, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is connected with Harvey Lodge

No. 80, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Dirigo Lodge No. 399, Knights of Pythias, of which he is Past Chancellor. He also fraternizes with the Royal Arcanum, the Loyal League, the North American Union, and is a member of the Harvey Gun Club. His wife was Miss Pauline E. DuFour, of New Orleans. They have two children, Pauline Fredericka and William J., junior.

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## CHARLES R. FURBOOM.

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**C**HARLES REINHOLD FURBOOM, who stands among the foremost mechanics of the city of Chicago and is a prominent citizen, was born in that far away land of health and vigor, Sweden, in the little village of Nyhammar, Province of Dalarne, December 28, 1861. His parents are Peter Reinhold and Johanna Augusta (Wickstrom) Furubom. The family has long been made up of skilled mechanics and workmen, and the man whose name heads this article proves the rule.

His great-grandfather, Erik Olson Furubom, was born in the Province of Halsingland, Sweden, was a builder, and lived in Furudal, Province of Dalarne, where his wife, Anna Christine Sundgren, was born. Their son, Peter Furubom, was born in that place May 10, 1792, and became a blacksmith. September 29, 1820, he married Johanna Fugerstrom, who was born April 9, 1798, in the same place. Their children were born and named as follows: August 30, 1822, Christina Sophia; January 6, 1825, Elizabeth Charlotta; November 16, 1827, Adolph; December 21, 1830, Jacob Philipp; December 24, 1833, Peter Reinhold; April 18, 1836, Carl. Both of the daughters are deceased. The youngest son emigrated from his native land in 1880, and located in South Chicago, where he died July 4, 1884. He married Clara Dansare, and their children

were: Albertina, Fiken, Hilda, Edward, Hjalmar and Carl Oscar. Of these, the third, fourth and fifth are now deceased. Carl Furubom married for his second wife Matilda Hedstrom, who now resides with a daughter on Sixty-third Court, Chicago. Jacob Philipp, another son of Peter Furubom, was the father of the following children: Julia, who married John Geselius, and resides at Homestead, Pennsylvania; Ernest, a resident of Chicago; and Hjalmar, who also resides at Homestead.

The maternal grandfather of Charles R. Furboom was Anders Gustaf Wickstrom, born November 14, 1816. He was married February 10, 1839, to Anna Christina Tilling, who was born June 22, 1822. They immigrated to America in 1869, and settled at Galva, Henry County, Illinois, where Mr. Wickstrom is still living, with his son, Carl Gustaf. Mrs. Wickstrom died August 4, 1895. Their children were: Carl Gustaf, born September 11, 1840; Johanna Augusta, April 3, 1843; Anders Frederick, August 4, 1853; Carolina Wilhelmina (now deceased), June 5, 1855; Johan Alfred, February 9, 1857. The second son resides in California, and the youngest is a physician located at Princeton, Illinois. He has changed the spelling of his name to "Vixtrum."

Peter Reinhold Furubom, father of the subject



of this sketch, was born December 24, 1833, in Soderberke, Province of Dalarne, Sweden, and is now living at Nyhammar, in the same province. He is a pattern-maker, and has been forty years in the service of the Nyhammar Bruk Company, manufacturers of iron and steel wares, being now a foreman. March 10, 1860, he married Johanna Augusta Wickstrom, who was born in Grangarde, Province of Dalarne, and is still living. They had only two children, both sons. The eldest, Peter Axel, died in 1868, at the age of seven years. As will be noted, the surviving son has changed the orthography of the sur-name, to conform to English spelling and pronunciation.

Charles Reinhold Furboom attended school until he reached the age of fifteen years, and learned the trade of a pattern-maker from his father, who was skilled in the art, and was with that worthy between the ages of sixteen and twenty years. He reached Boston June 15, 1881, and arrived in Chicago June 18 of the same year. He entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company at the South Park station, and subsequently engaged in the service of Palmer, Fuller & Company, at the corner of Twenty-second and Union Streets, doing carpenter work, and remained there until 1881. He was carpenter for the Chicago Lumber Company one year, and for Edmund & Hayes, at the corner of Thirteenth and Robey Streets, six months. He subsequently visited his old home in Sweden, taking eighteen months, and on his return was employed

by the Cottage Grove Manufacturing Company, at No. 91 Thirty-eighth Street. He was from April 11, 1887, until 1893 working as carpenter, after which date, until 1897, he was foreman. May 1, 1897, he was made superintendent, and is occupying that position at present. He has charge of thirty-eight men, the business being the manufacturing of sashes, doors and blinds. He lost half the index finger of his left hand in a circular rip-saw in 1888.

Mr. Furboom built a residence at No. 7038 Vincennes Avenue in 1893, and has since lived at that location. He was married September 22, 1888, to Miss Anna Marie Peterson, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Peterson) Erickson. Mrs. Furboom was born March 28, 1862, in the same town in Sweden as her husband, and emigrated from her native land in 1887. Their only child, born May 7, 1890, died July 20, 1892. He was named Walter Reinhold.

Mr. Furboom is connected with Carolus Commandery No. 9, Knights of the Red Cross, and Skandinaviska Iduna Chicago No. 44, a Scandinavian benefit society. He is also a member of the Amalgamated Wood Workers. He upholds the principles of the Republican party and votes in favor of its candidates at all times. Mr. Furboom is among the most prominent Scandinavian citizens of Chicago, and is honored and respected by all who come in contact with his genial nature and know his straightforward dealings.

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## AUGUST V. NELSON.

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**A**UGUST VICTOR NELSON, who is among the most skillful carpenters and competent contractors of the city of Chicago, comes of a very old and prominent family, whose members have nearly all, at the time of the present gen-

eration bearing the name, emigrated from their native land and found homes in America. The family is made up of men who are employed at a trade and succeed so well that they do not envy men of the professions their peculiar standing in

the business world. Some men can better serve their own and the best interests of the city if they do not have the care of a business to bear them down and the responsibility which kills so many with worry. August Victor Nelson was born October 12, 1857, on Farm Falla, four miles from the city of Westervik, Sweden, a son of Nels Gabriel and Caroline (Turn) Nelson. For further mention of the ancestors of A. V. Nelson, the reader is referred to the biography of G. L. Nelson, on another page of this work.

Mr. Nelson learned the trade of carpenter in his native land and worked at it there about ten years. He takes contracts for work when they can be procured and at other times does the work of journeyman. He reached Chicago July 16, 1887, and had several brothers here before him. He

at once joined forces with his brother, Charles (see biography of C. A. Nelson, of this volume) and the two remained together to the present time, contracting together when the opportunity offers or when nothing better is at hand. Mr. Nelson has worked on some of the finest buildings on the South Side and the work has been chiefly on flat buildings and residences.

Though never ambitious to mingle in politics to any great degree, he performs the duty of voting and upholds the candidates of the Republican party. Mr. Nelson has never married and makes his home with his brother's family, in whom he takes a lively interest. He is a rising young man, who will thrive at whatever he undertakes. His abilities are good and he is well liked by all with whom he comes in contact.

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## HARRY G. HUDSON.

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**H**ARRY GEORGE HUDSON, who is at the present time in the service of the United States government, in the postoffice, was born June 15, 1867, in Nashville, Tennessee, and is a son of George Henry and Mary (Lane) Hudson.

Mr. Hudson took a full course in the South Division High School, graduating in 1886. He accepted a position as messenger boy for the Pullman Palace Car Company in September of the same year, later being promoted to junior clerk, and subsequently was private stenographer to the general manager, George F. Brown, for some years, and was in the general office eleven years. He took the city civil service examination and left the employ of this concern in March, 1897. He secured a position and began work April 1, 1897, being employed as stenographer for the civil service commission until October, 1897, when he was by his own request

transferred to the street department, where he remained until March, 1898, when, having, taken a government civil service examination, and passed creditably, he resigned his city position to go to the postoffice, as stenographer in the executive department.

July 16, 1890, Mr. Hudson was married to Miss Mary Glover, daughter of Joseph Wine and Minerva (Austin) Marshall. Mrs. Hudson was born October 22, 1867, in Amelia County, Virginia, and came to Chicago in 1872. Mr. Hudson belongs to the Masonic order, being connected with Mount Hebron Lodge, of which he is secretary, having occupied this office for the past eight years. He is a staunch upholder of the arguments placed in favor of the Republican party and at all favorable opportunities casts a vote or presents a good word for the said party.

Mr. Hudson has been very successful finan-



cially, and has a residence at No. 6328 Champlain Avenue. He is a competent and valued employe of the postoffice department and tries to make his services count for all that is possible in favor of the general public, and so valuable that they cannot be dispensed with. He is a man of strong

character and is withal a pleasant, genial gentleman of the highest refinement. All men respect him, whether dealing with him in business or meeting him socially, where men prove their true selves, in their hospitality and treatment of their various friends and enemies.

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## THOMAS NICHOLS.

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THOMAS NICHOLS, who comes from a very old and distinguished English family, has spent a great deal of his life in attention to the enterprise of making shoes, but in later years has dealt to some extent in real estate in the city of Chicago. He was born July 3, 1847, in Kettring, Northampton County, England, and is a son of James and Maria (Padgett) Nichols. Thomas Nichols, grandfather of the man whose name heads this article, was born in Middleton, and was a blacksmith by occupation. He lived in the same vicinity in which he was born during his entire existence. His wife was Mary Ann Nichols, who lived to the age of seventy-five years, and they were the parents of two sons and three daughters. James Nichols, father of Thomas, is still living, and is seventy-seven years of age. He was born at Middleton, England, and moved to Kettring when thirty-seven years of age, and has since resided in that locality. He dealt in rope and twine, which his brother manufactured. Mrs. Nichols died April 21, 1881, at the age of sixty-two years. Her children were: Thomas, Mary Ann, Jane and Emma. Mary Ann was married to George Enger, a coal dealer, and is the mother of six children. Joseph, the next, died at the age of six months. Jane married Thomas Foster; they have three children, and live in Kettring, England. He has a shoe manufactory. Emma married Edward Smith and they never emigrated from their native land,

but still reside in Kettring. He also deals in shoes, and has two children. Mrs. Nichols' family, the Padgetts, were from Loughborough, England, and were well-known manufacturers of hosiery.

Thomas Nichols was the only one of his father's family to emigrate from their native land, and he reached the city of Chicago June 21, 1871. Having learned the trade of shoemaker in his native land, he immediately became employed by J. T. Jewett, at the corner of Dearborn and Monroe Streets, and was with him until Mr. Jewett's death, which occurred in the spring of the year 1885. He remained with Mr. Jewett's successor, Richard Melcher, until 1888, when he changed to the service of Rasmussen Brothers. He was with the last-mentioned concern until 1890, when he practically retired from active business life. He began to deal in real estate about 1880, and in 1882 purchased seventy-five feet of property on Garfield Boulevard, between Wright and Stewart Avenues. He erected three two-story houses and is still in possession of this property. In 1894 he purchased fifty feet on Wabash Avenue, between Sixty-ninth and Seventieth Streets. He built a two-story house on the last-mentioned ground and has realized much profit from these investments.

Mr. Nichols was married July 14, 1876, to Mrs. Julia Thompson, widow of James Thompson and daughter of Timothy and Mary (Hogan)

McCarthy. Mrs. Nichols was born March 15, 1846, in the city of Cork, Ireland, and came to America in 1862. She came over with her brother, Daniel, and spent three months in New York. She then removed to Chicago, her mother coming over a year later and dying July 8, 1887, at the age of eighty-four years. Timothy McCarthy died in 1848, at the age of forty years. His children were: Margaret, Cornelius, Mary Ann, Ellen, Daniel, John, Julia and Timothy. All of this family of children are deceased except Ellen, Daniel and Julia. Mary Ann came to America about 1853. She married James Oliver Ferris and lived in Stamford, Connecticut. They came to Chicago and made their home here many years, then bought a farm near Decatur, Illinois. Mrs. Ferris passed away at Decatur August 20, 1867, aged thirty-five years. Her children were: Lena, William, Oliver, John. The last-named is now an Episcopal clergyman in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. J. O. Ferris was a carpenter and survived his wife ten years, dying at the age of fifty-five years, in Stamford. Ellen, another of the family of Timothy McCarthy, and sister of Mrs. Nichols, came to America in 1855, and married David Thompson, a moulder in Chicago. They reside at Monticello, Indiana, and their children were

named as follows: Emily (deceased), Janet (deceased), William (deceased), George and Robert. Daniel McCarthy, son of Timothy McCarthy, married Kate Norris, in Ireland, and came over in 1863. They lived in Chicago twelve years and then removed to Oakland, California. Their children are: Daniel, William, Margaret (deceased), James, Mary, Emily and George. Mr. McCarthy is a ship carpenter. John McCarthy, a brother of Mrs. Nichols, was drowned in Bombay, India, while in the merchant marine.

Mrs. Nichols' children, by her first husband, were: Mary Jane, who makes her home with Mr. Nichols, and John R. Mary Jane married D. S. Cronin and John R. married Sadie Broderick, and lives at No. 543 Garfield Boulevard. His only child is John Albert.

Mr. Nichols is interested in the success of the Republican party, at all times, though never seeking public office of any kind. He has served, however, as assistant road master of the Town of Lake, and is a very competent and able man. His views are of the highest order, and his sympathies are for the right and his influence used for good. He exerts himself for the benefit of his fellow-men and their interests are his. A pleasant, genial gentleman, he is admired and respected by all.

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## PHILIP H. KELLER.

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**P**HILIP HENRY KELLER, who keeps a meat market at No. 1258 Wellington Street, is an enterprising and successful business man, and a member of an old and highly respected pioneer family. He was born March 6, 1858, in Chicago, the second child and eldest son of Henry Keller, whose biography appears on another page of this work. In the old Newberry School and the parish school of St. Paul's Evan-

gelical Lutheran Church, he received his education, and on attaining the proper age, was confirmed in the church.

He learned the butcher's trade in his father's shop on Reis Street and assisted his father until he was twenty-six years of age. He then began business on his own account. One of his first business ventures was buying cattle at Aurora and shipping them to Chicago, which he carried



on successfully a few months. In 1881 he went to Colorado to try the fascinating but uncertain pursuit of mining. He spent about a year in that state and still retains interests there. With the exception of the time spent in Aurora, Illinois, and in Colorado, he has lived in Chicago his entire life. For some years he conducted a meat market on Reis Street, and established his present business in 1894.

Mr. Keller is a Republican in political views and is influential in the councils of that party, but though he has attended its conventions he has never sought public office. July 20, 1882,

he married Miss Louise, daughter of Jacob Reich, an old settler of the city. She is also a native of Chicago. They have three children, namely: Henry, Robert and Philora. Mr. Keller is a social, genial gentleman, and is prominent in fraternal societies. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Independent Order of Foresters, and is also connected with the German Order of Harugari and the North End Gun Club. The members of the family belong to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and are valued and esteemed by the congregation.

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## CHRISTIAN HEUSER.

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**C**HRISTIAN HEUSER. Education has not always been as easy to obtain, even by willing students, as it is at the present time, and to those who have struggled with financial disadvantages of the times and with various obstacles they encountered, and have still made a success of life, much credit is due. These men have proven to the coming generations that success is to be had and is for those who strive the hardest to secure it. Among those who have overcome all difficulties by their own efforts and have lived to exalt the name they bear, as well as enjoy in the evening of life the fruits of well-directed labor, is the man whose name heads this notice. One of the pioneers of the great city, he is prominent in business, as well as social circles at the present day.

He has for many years been a manufacturer of vehicles of all kinds at No. 129 Clybourn Avenue. He was born May 11, 1831, in Nassau, Prussia, and has been a resident of Chicago since 1856. He is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Heuser, natives of his own birthplace. Of their ten children only four came to America, namely:

Peter, who died in Ohio; William, a resident of Louisville, Kentucky; Christian, of this sketch; and Anton, of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Christian Heuser was educated in the public schools, which he attended until he reached the age of fourteen years. On leaving school he entered on an apprenticeship at the trade of carriage-maker with his brother, with whom he worked six years. He then worked for a time in West Baden. In March, 1853, he left his native land and went to England. He embarked from London in a sailing ship bound for America and arrived in New York forty-four days later. He went to Sandusky City, Ohio, and worked for a Mr. Bemis upon a farm. Three months later he removed to Louisville, Kentucky, and there worked at his trade until 1856, when he came to Chicago. He was very fortunate in finding immediate employment with Mr. Thein, at the northwest corner of Chicago Avenue and Clark Street. In 1862 he purchased property at the corner of Rees Street and Clybourn Avenue, which had upon it an old shop building. At this location he embarked in business, but in 1871 was

burned out and lost everything. Subsequent to the fire he began again and at the same number has since conducted a successful business.

Mr. Heuser has at all times been independent in politics, though at no time being a political agitator. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was for many years a member of the Druids. In July, 1859, he married Miss Louise Schloeder, who is a native of Germany. They had ten children, nine of

whom are living, namely: Leonard; Anna, who married F. W. Wagner, and resides on North Avenue, Chicago; William; Elizabeth, wife of George Becker; Katharine, now Mrs. John Jacobs; Lena, Mrs. Frederick Steinke; Anton, Bertha and Edward. The three last named are residing at home with their parents.

The family is one of good standing wherever the members are known and all are connected with St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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## FRANK WILKE.

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**F**RANK WILKE, a contractor and builder of Chicago, has been a resident of the city since 1867. He was born December 8, 1843, in Prussia, the oldest son of William and Amelia (Kruse) Wilke, natives of Prussia. William Wilke was a tailor by trade, at which he worked in his native land. He and his wife, Amelia, had eight children, as follows: Frank, of this sketch; Louis; Johanna, widow of Edward Hieland; Gustav; Hulda, wife of Henry Hick; Emil; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Henry Narmes, all of Chicago; and Mary, who died at the age of eight years. Louis and Johanna came to America in the winter of 1869 and the other members of the family came three years later. The father died on the 2d of April, 1894, and the mother is still living.

Frank Wilke attended school until fourteen years of age, and then served an apprenticeship at the stone mason's trade, at which he worked until he emigrated. December 9, 1866, he sailed from Hamburg in the steamer "Sexonia," bound for New York, stopping three days at Southampton, and arrived in New York January 2, 1867. Two days later he started west, intending to go to Milwaukee, but having limited means, decided to go no farther than Chicago. He at

once obtained employment on a farm at six dollars per month. In the spring he was enabled to find work at his trade, and in 1869 he formed a partnership with F. F. Haussen, under the firm name of Haussen & Company. This connection continued until 1891, when Mr. Haussen retired and his son continued the business, the firm name becoming Haussen & Wilke.

In 1876 Mr. Wilke purchased five acres of land in Jefferson Township, where he now lives. He has never taken much interest in politics, being independent, and supporting the man of his choice, rather than affiliating with any party strictly, when he does vote. He is a member of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias.

May 1, 1870, Mr. Wilke was married to Miss Catharine, daughter of John and Antoinette (Thompson) Miller, natives of Holstein, Germany, where Mrs. Wilke was also born, October 9, 1848. In 1868 she came to America with her sister, Margaret, who is now deceased, her parents remaining in the old country. Later her brother, now residing on Twenty-first Place, and sister, Fredericka, now Mrs. Herman Luciwig, of Blue Island, came to America. Mr. and Mrs. Wilke have eight children, namely: Anna, wife



of Edward Repsold; Amelia, Oscar, Emma, Frank, George, Alma and Elsie. The members of the family are connected with the St. Nicholas Lutheran Church and are well known and highly respected by the other members of the congregation. Mr. Wilke is a valuable and influential member, and his efforts are recognized by all.

He is charitable to the opinions of others, but cherishes very strong ideas of his own of the duties of citizens of this country, respecting the rights of others and reserving and profiting by his own rights. He is a kind father and loving husband, and is nowhere beloved more than in the family circle.

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## WILLIAM CLETTENBERG.

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**W**ILLIAM CLETTENBERG, now retired, has been identified with the business interests of Chicago since 1854. He was born January 25, 1839, in Cologne, on the River Rhine, Germany, and is a son of Bernhard and Mary (Moll) Clettenberg, who were natives of the same city. Bernhard Clettenberg was for many years a soldier, his father having contracted with the French Government to supply the army with grain and hay. The family was prominent, and the last-named member became very wealthy and well known throughout the region in which he resided. The name was originally Von Klettenberg, the prefix, von, indicating that the family was of noble blood. This was dropped by the subject of this sketch and his brother on coming to this country, the first letter also undergoing a change, which left the name Clettenberg.

Bernhard Clettenberg was the father of five children who grew to maturity: Frank M., of Chicago; William; Katherine, wife of Frank Gruman; Mary, who became Mrs. Gabriel Kopp; and Elizabeth, wife of Mathias Getka. The last-named was born in Chicago. The family sailed from Antwerp, Belgium, on the "Curetuck of Norfolk." The voyage was forty-eight days in length, the family landing in New York at the end of this time. Mr. Clettenberg immediately removed with his wife and children to Chicago, though he remained but a short time in this

vicinity. He was possessed of some capital on his arrival in America and soon removed to Galena, where he became engineer in the Coleman & Graham Furniture Factory, but after a short time in this location he returned with his family to Chicago. He subsequently sold ice for H. Joy, remaining in his employ for several years. He died at the age of eighty-two years, November 27, 1882. His worthy helpmate survived him until October 19, 1897, and died in Chicago.

William Clettenberg, who name heads this article, was educated in the primary schools of the town of his nativity and after his arrival in America attended the old Mechanics' Institute and at the same time industriously pursued studies in a night school. The latter school was conducted by Anton Hesing. At the age of sixteen years he entered an apprenticeship of three years with Douglass & Reed, for the purpose of learning the trade of a sign painter. In the year 1859 he was enabled to purchase the interest of Mr. Reed, and afterward conducted the business with the aid of his brother. In this manner they continued until 1872, since which time Mr. Clettenberg has lived a quiet, peaceful life. In 1863 he removed his residence to the West Side, locating on West Indiana Street (now Grand Avenue), from which place he changed his abode to the house he now occupies. Not

desiring to lose sight altogether of the active life of the world, he has dealt somewhat in real estate, and has taken a lively interest in political affairs. He has always fulfilled his duties as a citizen, lending his interest and vote for the promotion of the principles of the Republican party.

January 22, 1862, Mr. Clettenberg was married to Miss Eva, daughter of Nicholas Molter, who came to Chicago in 1853. She was born in Trier, Germany, and is the mother of six children, namely: William; Bernhard, who is a clothier at the corner of North Avenue and Division Street; Mary, Mrs. Augustus Rohrbacher; Katha-

rine, wife of H. J. Urbin; Edward N., who is teller of Foreman Brothers' Banking Company; William, a bookkeeper; and Theodore Sylvester, a student. The third of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clettenberg was Frank, who died January 17, 1897, and one child died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Clettenberg and their family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and their efforts in behalf of this institution are appreciated by the others of the congregation. The family of Clettenberg is a very old one, and the present generation does credit to the time-honored name it bears.

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## MATTHEW TURNER.

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**M**ATTHEW TURNER. Among the members of the ancient family by this name who have emigrated to America seeking financial success and who have proved themselves loyal to their adopted country, is Matthew Turner. He was born July 22, 1843, in Hastings, Sussex County, England. His parents were John and Mary (Martin) Turner. For further mention of his ancestors see biography of Mark Turner, in this work.

He left his native land and located in Ford County, Illinois, in 1871, the year of the great fire in Chicago. He was proficient in the trade of a mason, having learned it in England and contracted in that country on a small scale. In 1872 he removed from Ford County to Chicago, locating at the corner of Fiftieth Street and Cottage Grove Avenue, in Hyde Park. During five years he was in the employ of Boghardt & Bryan, and subsequently, with his brother, helped to form the firm of Turner Brothers, contractors. Their work lay chiefly in Grand Crossing and he followed this occupation in that capacity seven

years. He then returned to journeyman work and up to the present time has been with Williams & Stacey, of Hyde Park.

In 1868 Mr. Turner was married to Margaret Upton, of Hastings, England. Their children were born and named as follows: George Matthew, born April 12, 1870; James, December 19, 1872, died March 2, 1873; Alice, March 19, 1875, died February 24, 1897; Frederick, June 7, 1877; Emma, December 8, 1878; Joseph, January 17, 1881; Frank, January 7, 1883; Grace, September 24, 1885; May Louise, February 7, 1889; and Florence, May 10, 1893. Mr. Turner built a residence at No. 7441 Champlain Avenue about the year 1887. He also built a residence at the corner of Fifty-seventh Street and Kimbark Avenue. He is connected with the Bricklayers' Union. Independent in his political views, Mr. Turner votes for the man who, in his opinion, is best fitted to serve the interests of the people, being very conscientious concerning these matters.



## WILLIAM H. GERMAN, M. D.

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**W**ILLIAM HENRY GERMAN, M. D., who was born April 18, 1855, is a native of Brockville, Ontario, Canada, which town is situated very beautifully on the St. Lawrence River. The genealogy of the family dates to French origin, members having at one time lived in Bavarian Palatine in the time of Louis XIV., in whose reign the infamous Edict of Nantes was issued. The family was voluntarily exiled three times, the first time removing to England and afterwards settling on the western coast of Ireland, near Limerick. Being encroached upon by Catholics, the family changed its location and emigrated from Europe to settle in New York State, on the Hudson River, near Albany. The time of the last-mentioned emigration was in the early part of the last century. Just after the War of the Revolution they, with forty thousand loyalists, settled in Ontario, Canada, on the Bay of Quinte, where they were pioneers. Kingston was the nearest settlement.

The old ancestors were of the gentry, but the emigrants of the name from the continent of Europe were tillers of the soil. They did not, however, lose the superiority always maintained by members of the family in whatever sphere they lived. It was the great-grandfather of the present generation that removed with his family, together with two brothers, to Canada. Other members of the family settled near the present site of Springfield, Illinois. Peter German, the son of Christopher, was a Methodist Episcopal minister, and was a man of great fervor and commanding presence. He died after reaching the

venerable age of fourscore years, and his worthy helpmate survived him only a short time. Her name was Sarah Outwater and she was born near Albany, New York, and was of Dutch descent. She aided in the rearing of twelve children, who were educated in Prince Edwards County, Canada.

Of this family, John W. German was born March 8, 1827. Though he received only a common-school education in his native country, he was enabled to enter the ministry at the age of twenty-three years. He still resides in Berlin, Canada, and follows his holy vocation. He married Sarah J. Purdy, who was a granddaughter of Commodore Purdy of the British Navy. The crest is marked "Stuns Rege Gum." The family received a large tract of land from the crown for the loyalty of its members. His son, Capt. Samuel D. Purdy, commanded a company of American militia during the War of 1812. Dr. C. W. Purdy is a member of this family, as is also W. G. Purdy, first vice-president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. Mrs. John W. German died March 11, 1886, at the age of fifty-five years. She was a woman of more than ordinary ability and devoted her entire time to her large family. Her children were: William Henry, the subject of this sketch; Emma, who is the wife of H. A. Allen; Edgar, of Santa Anna, California; F. George, an architect, of Duluth, Minnesota; Charles W., of Kansas City, Missouri; and Mabel L., of Belleville, Ontario.

William Henry German received his primary education in the Canadian High School. At the

age of fifteen years he set out to secure a higher education and, being the oldest member of his father's family, was forced to work his way through school. His first attempt at serving others was at the age of fourteen years, when he entered the employ of a hardware dealer in Trenton, Ontario, and here he remained occupied seven years. The first year from home he boarded with his uncle, Dr. H. W. Day, who is now the registrar of Hastings County, Ontario. This man was the surgeon for the Gilmore Mill, of fame as the largest saw-mill in America, where sixteen hundred men are employed.

While with his uncle he conceived a desire to study medicine, and realized his cherished hope fourteen years later, after patient and protracted waiting. In 1883 he became an attendant of the Michigan College of Medicine at Detroit, which is now known as the Detroit College of Medicine. After graduation he remained one year in

Detroit, giving his time to the study of the throat and lungs. He located at Morgan Park, Illinois, February 6, 1884, and has since been the leading physician in that locality.

Dr. German married, December 26, 1877, Miss Anna M., daughter of Jacob D. Fretz, and their children are: Clara, Levinia and Maud Merton. The former is attending the University of Chicago, and the latter is at school at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. German is a member of the Physicians' Club of Chicago and of the Chicago Medical Society. He is connected with the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Society and also of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is connected with other orders, as an examiner, those of Morgan Park being the Royal League, Royal Arcanum and National Union. He is a prominent man among physicians and is withal a genial, pleasant gentleman, beloved alike by family and friends.

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## JOHN M. MAYER.

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JOHN MARTIN MAYER, now retired, is a prominent German-American pioneer of Chicago, having been identified with the interests of the city since 1854. He was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, February 17, 1838, and comes from a very old and highly respected family. His parents were John M. and Margaret (Fuchs) Mayer, both natives of Wurtemberg, where they passed their entire lives. They had a family of five sons and one daughter, but only two of the number came to America. George, the third of the children of John M. Mayer, senior, immigrated and settled in Chicago in 1853. He died here in 1880, leaving a wife and six children.

John M. Mayer, the man whose name heads this article, obtained a common-school education

in the town of his nativity, after which time he was occupied for a time at the butcher's trade with his father. In 1852 he emigrated from his native land, sailing from Havre in the ship "Hemisphere." After thirty-five days on the water they landed in New York and went at once to Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked at the trade of a butcher two years. He subsequently came to Chicago and for a year worked for wages. In the year 1859 he established a business on Sedgwick Street and a year or two afterward removed to what is now No. 451. In the great fire of 1871 he lost all his belongings except the clothes he was wearing at the time.

Mr. Mayer rebuilt his shop after the excitement of the fire was over and resumed business



until he retired from active life in 1892. He was very successful and accumulated a nice competence and no man envies him his gains, and all that know him honor and respect him. He has never been a public man in the sense of holding office, but has taken an interest in public affairs. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and has since that time supported the Republican party. July 8, 1865, he was married to Miss Mary Hannah Kleinod, daughter of Fred-

erick Kleinod, who died in Prussia when Mrs. Mayer was a small child. Her mother subsequently married Andrew Jonske and came to America in 1852.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayer have three children, John Martin, Carl Frederick and Amelia Christina. The members of the family are connected with St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which congregation all are valued and counted among the first.

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## CHRISTIAN KUSSEL.

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**C**HRISTIAN KUSSEL, who was prominently engaged in the wholesale grocery business in the city of Chicago a period of thirty years, is a valuable and well-known citizen, of the German-American type. He was born near Bingen on the Rhine, Hessen-Darmstadt, January 2, 1831, and is a son of John and Sophia (Schmuck) Kussel.

Christian Kussel was educated in the public school of the village in which he was born and was reared to the occupation of a tiller of the soil. His father's home was in one of the most beautiful parts of Germany and he cherishes happy memories of the region where he spent his boyhood. His rearing was intended to fit him for a life of hardships and he was well prepared to cope with all difficulties with which he might come in contact. November 3, 1853, he left his father's home and went down the Rhine River to Mainz and Rotterdam, and crossed to London, sailing from that city in the schooner "Southampton." He made the whole trip from Mainz to New York in twenty-eight days. An older brother, Philip Kussel, had come to America in 1848, and was clerking in the city of Buffalo, New York. He removed west to Chicago in the year 1854, after having secured a position for Christian in Buffalo.

In February, 1855, Christian Kussel also came

to Chicago. He brought enough money with him from Germany to pay his return passage and had a passport good for three years. Philip Kussel suggested that Christian go into partnership with him in the grocery business in Chicago, and having gained the latter's consent, they started a retail grocery under the name of Kussel Brothers on West Madison Street, and two years later they opened another store, at the corner of Randolph and Clinton Streets, and conducted the two stores one year. They then rented a store at No. 236 East Randolph Street, and began a jobbing trade, Philip having charge of this business, while Christian ran the store on Clinton Street. The rapid growth of the business made a change necessary, and two years later they moved to No. 208 East Randolph Street, when they carried a stock of about sixty thousand dollars. The next year they moved to No. 191 South Water Street and confined their operations to the wholesale trade. On the 9th of June, 1866, they were burned out, suffering a total loss. The next autumn they bought out Bennett & Gregory, wholesale grocers, at No. 53 South Water Street, and a year later bought out Boynton & Peak, at the corner of South Water Street and Michigan Avenue. In May, 1871, they moved to No. 97 South Water Street, where they were burned out in the fire of that year.

Immediately after the fire, and hardly before the ground had had time to cool, they began the erection of their new building. They had a frame structure put up for them at Nos. 284 and 286 Canal Street and there continued their former business for a time. Having bought the lot, they built the present structure at Nos. 135 and 137 South Water Street, moved into it in October, 1872, and did a successful business at this location until May, 1887, when they disposed of their goods and retired from business. The property was all in the name of Kussel Brothers, but at the time of retirement it was necessary to divide the valuable property real estate and otherwise, which they accordingly did.

Christian Kussel has never sought public office or notoriety of any kind, but has always felt an interest in public affairs and has done all in his power for the furthering of the best interests of the city. In national affairs he has supported the Republican party and in local affairs votes for the man who is best adapted to fill the office. Mr. Kussel married Miss Margaret Pfirrmann, a native of Bavaria. They have no children of their own, but have reared a niece in their pleasant home. Mr. and Mrs. Kussel are members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, where they are regular attendants and valued among the congregation for their influence, as well as more substantial aid.

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## CHRIST F. K. WICK.

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**C**HRIST FREDERICK KARL WICK, who is among the number of people who have adopted America for their home and site of loyalty, finding our laws more to their mind than those in their native land, has been very well satisfied with his success as a business man and has proven worthy of any position which has been offered him. Born October 16, 1836, in the village of Unterrodach, Bavaria, Germany, he is a son of Peter and Kunigunda (Goetz) Wick.

Simon was the first of the family of Peter Wick to emigrate from his native land and settled in America in 1849. He located in Pittsburg, where he still resides, and was manager of a lumber yard for a long time. He is now employed by the city. Simon Wick married Katharine Harmon, and their children are: Samuel, George, Sophia and Paulina.

Henry Wick, another brother of the man whose name heads this article, was the next to emigrate and came to America in 1860. He joined the

army and was last heard of five years ago. C. F. K. Wick was the next of his father's family to emigrate, and Frederick came to America in 1878. He located in Wisconsin, where he cultivated the soil, and died there in June, 1893, at the age of seventy years. He married Margaretha Metz and their children were: Frederick; Katharine, who married Mr. Spindler; Marguerita, who married Mr. Heinitz; and Marie.

Christ F. K. Wick located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, upon arriving in America November 2, 1875. He was employed on the river a short time, after which he entered the service of the Pan Handle Railroad Company. Later he was with the Cleveland & Pittsburg Railroad Company, in a freight house. In March, 1878, he removed to Wisconsin and helped his brother cultivate the land. In March, 1879, he located in Chicago and was six years in the slaughter-house of Tobey & Boot. He was subsequently three years in the slaughter-house of Mr. Dupee and



later spent the same length of time in an Englewood lumber yard. Since that time he has been in the freight house of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company.

Mr. Wick was married August 15, 1865, to Miss Sophia Wich Schwartz, daughter of Johann and Margarita (Rupp) Schwartz. Mrs. Wick was born January 17, 1838. Her father was born June 6, 1813, and died January 22, 1876. Her mother was born October 6, 1814, and died October 6, 1861. Their children were: Mrs. Wick, Henry (deceased), Louisa, Ulrich, Matilda, George Moses, Johanna and Anna Kunigunda. Four other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz died young.

Mrs. Wick's paternal grandfather was John Wich Schwartz and her maternal grandfather was Johan Rupp. Mr. Wick's paternal grandfather was John Wick, while his maternal grand-

father was John Goetz. His father was born in 1812, and died August 5, 1856. His mother was born in 1810, and died in August of the year 1873.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wick are accounted for as follows: Louisa Matilda, born January 3, 1866; John, born March 15, 1868, died at the age of eleven months; and George Lewis, born December 21, 1869, is at home with his parents. Other children died in infancy.

The family is of very old lineage, and is one of honorable and upright men and worthy women, and the name of Wick is one which will long be known and respected. The present generation does credit to its ancestors, and with the sturdy characters and hardy personalities of the race still predominating, it is not likely that any of the generations to come will tarnish the memory of those gone before.

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## ADAM YOICHEM.

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**A**DAM YOICHEM, who was born in 1846, is a member of the family whose German lineage does not make them any less devoted to the interests of the United States than if they were born on American soil and never heard other than the English language. Adam Yoichem was born in Germany, and emigrated from his native land at the same time as his father and his father's family. For ancestry, refer to the biography of Peter Yoichem, in this work.

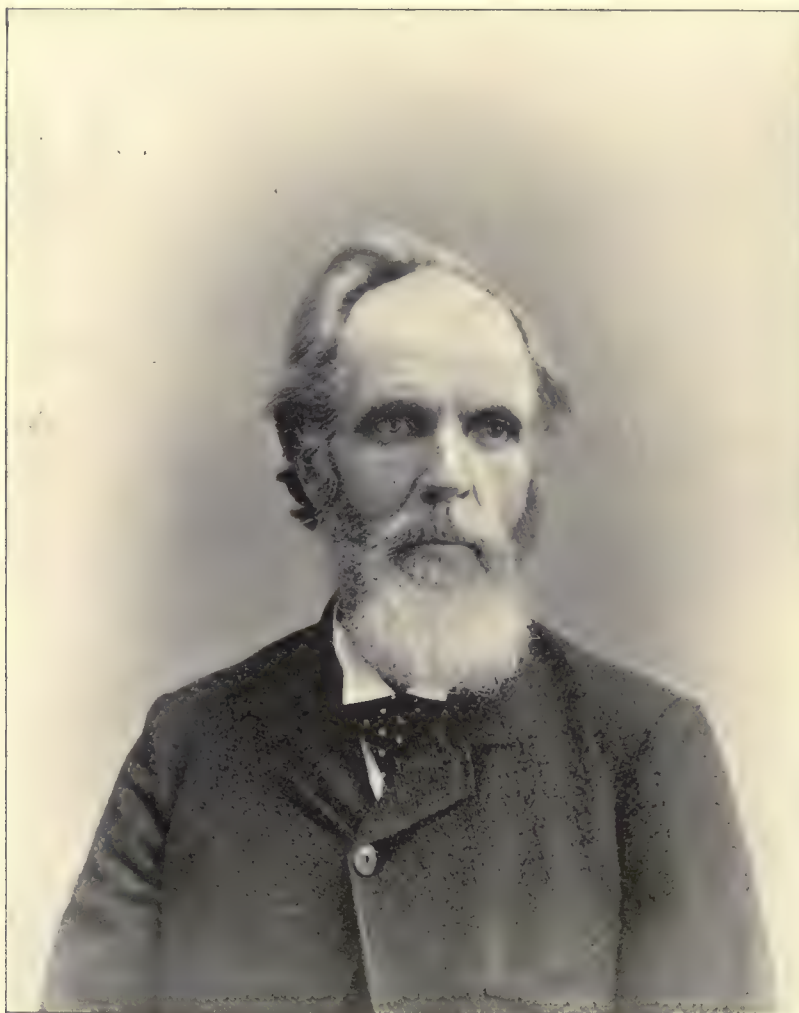
Adam Yoichem came to Chicago in 1865 and for some time was employed on a farm. He then entered the service of his brother-in-law and remained with him six years. He was with his brother Peter subsequently one year and returned again to serve the interest of his brother-in-law for a time. He entered into business for himself at No. 308 Wells Street, which he conducted three years. After a short time in Lake View he

was located at No. 3303 State Street three years. He was in business at different places for a short length of time, until July, 1894, when he located on Cottage Grove Avenue, at No. 6602, and is to be found at this place at the present writing.

June 30, 1878, Mr. Yoichem married Miss Wilhelmina, daughter of Ferdinand and Fredericka (Winkle) Schultz. Mrs. Yoichem was born September 29, 1859, in the city of Vito, Germany. She came to America in 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Yoichem have become the parents of six children: Emma Catharine Ida, born February 20, 1879, died at the age of six years; Elizabeth Antoinette Amelia, born February 10, 1881; Edward Herman John, November 11, 1882; Lily Annie Fredericka, December 31, 1883; Minnie Dora Freda, March 26, 1886; and Frank, born November 26, 1888, died at the age of six months.

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PETER STORMS.

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PETER STORMS. It is a feature of United States that our people are made up of men from all foreign countries of the globe, and it is not always the natives of the land of the free that succeed the best financially. Among those who are now counted as citizens of the metropolis of the west, and who can be said to have adopted this country as a residing place, is the man whose name heads this article, Peter Storms. He comes of a very old family of sturdy Scotchmen and was himself born January 25, 1832, in Urghart, Murrayshire, Scotland. His parents were James and Margaret (Brown) Storms (for further ancestry of Peter Storms, see biography of James Storms).

John L. Storms was the first of his father's family to emigrate from his native land. He died June 2, 1898, at No. 5213 Jefferson Avenue, Chicago. Peter Storms was the next to settle in America, and arrived at Chicago in September, 1856. He sailed from Liverpool June 1, 1856, and landed in New York July 14, having been six weeks on the voyage. He had learned the trades of stone-cutter, mason and brick-layer, and his first work in this country was for Singer & Talcott, at Lemont, Illinois. He subsequently began contracting for his own interests and has been occupied in this way for the past ten years. He had been journeyman for some time and after taking up contracting was very successful. He has been employed by the city at many different

times, and laid the foundation for the water works pumping station at Sixty-eighth Street. He had charge of the men who did the work, there being quite a number employed at the time. He has cut stone for the jail and many other prominent buildings.

Mr. Storms, his father, James Storms, senior, his brother, John L. Storms, and brother-in-law, Edwin A. Johnson, at one time purchased, at one hundred dollars per acre, the land bounded by Cottage Grove and Langley Avenues and Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth Streets.

Peter Storms was married July 18, 1862, to Catherine Milne, who was born November 4, 1827, in the city of Elgin, Scotland. Mrs. Storms passed away June 6, 1892. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Storms were three in number: James Brown, Jessie Monroe and Catherine. James B. Storms, who resides with his father, was married March 15, 1888, to Miss Janet Louise, daughter of Ira and Fidelia (Clemens) Proseus. J. B. Storms follows the occupation of paperhanger and painter. Jessie Monroe Storms married John Decker, and Catherine died at the age of thirteen years.

Peter Storms is the organizer of the Grand Crossing Division No. 133, Sons of Temperance, and is a strong and valuable worker for the order. Thirty years ago he was made elder in the Brookline Presbyterian Church, of which society he is one of the founders, and has ever been one



of the prominent and highly respected of that body of worshippers. His first presidential vote was cast in favor of Abraham Lincoln, and he is now a staunch supporter of the Prohibitionist party. He has been a candidate for the office of assessor for Hyde Park and also trustee for that section on the Prohibition ticket.

Mr. Storms built in 1864 a small residence on the rear of his lot, at the corner of Cottage Grove Avenue and Seventy-fourth Street, to which he subsequently added. In the fall of 1891 he removed it to No. 7320 Evans Avenue, where he has since resided. He now has a very comfortable and imposing residence.

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## FRANK P. STAFFORD.

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**F**RANK PERRY STAFFORD, who is among the active teaming and grading contractors in Chicago, was born November 17, 1847, at Elizabethtown, Essex County, New York. His parents were Thomas and Keziah (Knox) Stafford.

Thomas Stafford lived all his life in Essex and died there at the age of seventy-seven years, in the summer of 1871. He was a tiller of the soil and owned one hundred and sixty acres of land. He received a fair education and was a very wide-awake and energetic man. He was rather prominent in politics, at one time holding the position of deputy sheriff, besides other town offices. He used his influence in favor of Democratic candidates at all times. He was in early life a follower of the Baptist faith, but later his views changed to those of a Methodist. His wife, Keziah Stafford, died in February, 1881, at the age of seventy-six years, in Essex County. Her children were: James, Norman, an infant daughter, Harmon, Mary, Cyrus, Lucy, Cordelia, Arriette, Almon and Frank Perry.

James Stafford died in 1893, in Brooklyn, New York, leaving a widow and two children to mourn his loss. Norman died in 1892, at Fort Dodge, Iowa. He left two children. Harmon is still residing in Essex County, New York. Mary died at the age of twenty-two years and Cyrus is a carpenter, residing in Fort Dodge,

Iowa. Lucy married H. Reynolds, who is owner and manager of a hotel at Adair, Iowa, where they live. Cordelia married Jonathan Merriam and lives in Essex County, New York. Arriette lives in Glenn Falls and married James Fish, who is a dealer in sewing machines. Almon resides at No. 6733 Green Street, Chicago, and is in the teaming business. The family of Stafford is of old English descent and some of its members were the first to settle in New York City. They came from Staffordshire, England. The family of Mrs. Stafford, Knox, was of Dutch and English mixture. The father of Mrs. Stafford was Archibald Knox and he was twice married, she being a daughter by his first wife. The other children by this marriage were Eliza and Paulina.

Frank Perry Stafford attended school in Essex County until he reached the age of sixteen years. He was then occupied on his father's farm until he reached the age of twenty-two years, also being employed by others during this time. He reached Chicago March 20, 1870, and remained here a short time, going subsequently to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he was employed by Socrates Stevens three months. He then opened a meat market with W. Reynolds, which he continued in five months. He then secured a position in a hotel and was thus occupied two years. He returned to Boone County, Illinois, and conducted a farm for A. J. Burbank two years;

he later returned to the region of his nativity, Essex County, New York, and engaged in teaming in that section eighteen months. Coming back to Chicago he was employed by Mr. Burbank three months, and then entered the employ of the South Side City Railway Company as driver of a car. After eighteen months he took a two-weeks vacation and was made conductor, continuing in this position for a period of two years and one-half.

Mr. Stafford then started an express business in Grand Crossing with A. Van Horn as partner. After three months Mr. Van Horn sold his share to Philip Drake and the latter sold his interest to Mr. Stafford after three months. After eighteen months he consolidated with his brother, Almon Stafford, in the same line, the firm name becoming Stafford Brothers. He was with his brother one year, when he sold his interest to his brother and eighteen months was a traveling salesman. Returning to his former occupation, teaming, for a short time, he then established a meat market at the corner of Seventy-third Street and Cottage Grove Avenue. After a short time he sold out the market and bought out an express business. Two years later he sold this to his brother and began to contract for heavy teaming and grading. He has been thus occupied since that time, using forty teams and seventy men, at times. His business has been with the Calumet Railway Company, grading at Hegewisch, Hammond, Park Manor and other important points.

October 9, 1879, Mr. Stafford was married to

Florence Arnold, daughter of Gilbert and Sarah (Quackenbush) Arnold. Mrs. Stafford was born May 26, 1858, at the corner of Wabash Avenue and Hubbard Court. Her father died in January, 1858, at the age of forty years. His remains were interred at Rosehill Cemetery. He was probably born at Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Stafford was the only child. Her mother married for her first husband, C. W. Robe and her children were: Charles W., who lives at the corner of Fifty-eighth and Indiana Avenue, and Henrietta. Mrs. Arnold was born at Canastota, New York, and came west at an early day. She died January 18, 1889.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford are accounted for as follows: Edwin Everett, born June 21, 1880, and died May 12, 1881; Edith Evelyn, born August 14, 1881; Harry Adelbert, born January 23, 1883, and died December 31, 1891; Elsie Grace, born April 20, 1884, and died June 30, 1884; Percy Burbank, born April 24, 1886; Arnold Earl, born September 8, 1889, and died August 19, 1896; Henrietta Isabella, born April 4, 1891; James Thomas, born June 23, 1893; Warren Lee, born August 31, 1894; and Jessie Louise, born August 28, 1896.

Mr. Stafford was made a Mason in Iroquois Lodge No. 715, in Essex County, New York, in 1876. He was connected with Flora Lodge, Patrons of Husbandry, for many years, and was also prominently identified with the Independent Order of Good Templars and later Knights of Honor.

## GUSTAV H. LARSIN.

**G**USTAV HELGO LARSIN, who is among the deservedly popular and public-spirited citizens of Chicago, was born November 3, 1861, in Berkebo-Kalmar, Sweden. His parents were Andrew and Christina (Larsen) Larsin.

Gustav H. Larsin was the first of his father's family to immigrate to America, and reached Chicago June 1, 1881. His first work here was for the Chicago City Railway Company, where he was employed two months. For one year he was



employed by the McBean Brothers, street paving contractors. He then secured a position with the Knickerbocker Ice Company in Englewood and Chicago, being thus employed seven years. He was employed two years in Park Manor by a coal dealer, John Cowman. He subsequently spent five years in the service of the Washington Ice Company, but returned to John Cowman's employ, where he occupies a position at the present writing.

December 6, 1885, Mr. Larsin married Miss Annie Louis, daughter of Andrew and Annie (Andersen) Andersen. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Larsin are: Gustav Wilhelm, born January 30, 1888; Anders Julius, December 26, 1889;

Albert Louise, March 22, 1891; Thure Walfred, December 4, 1892; and Emma Lydia, April 6, 1895.

In September, 1888, Mr. Larsin erected a comfortable residence at No. 7004 St. Lawrence Avenue. He has since resided at this location, with the exception of two years. He is recognized as a man of high integrity and moral principles and is honored by his many acquaintances, whether in business or in social connection. He is beloved by all who come in contact with his genial person and has always proven a loving husband and a kind father. His presence is a blessing to the home fireside and his children have all respect for him that is due a father.

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## FREDERICK DELSING.

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**F**REDERICK DELSING, the present foreman of the Live Poultry Transportation Company, and one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of Chicago, was born April 11, 1856, in Baltimore, Maryland. For ancestry note the article headed by the name of John S. Delsing, on another page of this volume.

Frederick Delsing attended school until he was thirteen years of age, receiving this brief education at the Skinner, Scammon and Foster schools. He was employed by a doctor for a short time, after which he entered the brush manufactory of Gertz, Lombard & Company. He subsequently found occupation in packing houses at Bridgeport until 1885, being employed most of this time by P. D. Armour. He then entered the service of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad and was laborer one month. He was later made assistant foreman and filled this position two years. He was subsequently employed as foreman for the Merchants' Dispatch Transportation Company in Park Manor, and after six

years obtained the position which he now fills, as foreman of the Live Poultry Transportation Company, located at the corner of Forty-fifth and Peoria Streets.

Mr. Delsing was married September 20, 1879, to Miss Annie Lubke, daughter of Charles and Charlotta (Lubke) Lubke. Mrs. Delsing was born March 13, 1861, in Gruenwald, near Stettin, Germany, and immigrated to America in 1875. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Delsing are as follows: John, who died in infancy; Charles Hermann, born July 15, 1881; Frederick Hermann, May 16, 1883; Rosie Josephine, born June 21, 1885, died at the age of nineteen months; Edward Charles, December 19, 1886; Gertrude Louise, September 24, 1888, and Frank James, June 24, 1890.

Mr. Delsing is connected with the Knights of Maccabees and is a valued and honored member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, and his influence is ever devoted to the cause of the right. He never seeks public favor, in the form

of office, but at all favorable opportunities casts a vote in the interest of the Republican party. He erected a house at No. 6715 State Street, in August, 1886, and has resided at that number since that time. Mr. Delsing is the father of a promis-

ing family and has much to be thankful for in the manner in which he has been able to rear his children. Each one does credit to the family name, and all help to make up a happy, united family.

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## PETER YOCHER.

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**P**ETER YOCHER, who has for many years been a resident of Chicago, has at the same time been interested in its business growth since the early part of the busy life he has led. He was born December 24, 1842, near Mainz, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth Yocher and were descendants of good old German families.

Jacob Yocher emigrated to America in 1846 and reached Wisconsin in May of the same year. His children were Katharine, Jacob, Adam, George and Peter. Jacob Yocher purchased forty acres of land in Wisconsin, but died the same summer that he arrived. Mrs. J. Yocher retained the farm until 1865, and then made her home with her daughter in Chicago until the time of her death.

In the spring of the year 1860 Peter Yocher went to Milwaukee and engaged at the shoemaker's trade. He enlisted August 15, 1862, in Company K, Twenty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged from the service June 13, 1865. He did not miss a roll call during the entire service and did not lose a day from the regiment and participated in many engagements, including those of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. After the last battle he took part in long marches in Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia. He shared the hard fighting of the Atlanta campaign and the "March to the Sea." His record was as good as it could possibly be. His brother, George Yocher, was in Company

K, Twenty-fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He entered the service seven weeks before Peter Yocher and was killed at the battle of Chickamauga.

At the close of the war Mr. Yocher returned to Milwaukee and in October, 1865, located in Chicago. He entered the employ of his brother-in-law, John Pretzsch, and remained with him two years. He conducted a meat market under the old Harrison House, No. 365 Clark Street, and later took a third interest in the business, and after one year bought out Buch Brothers, on Harrison Street, near Fifth Avenue, and conducted the business eleven months. He subsequently sold out and after visiting home and friends in Wisconsin, returned to the service of John Pretzsch. In the spring of the year 1869 he opened a market on the west side of State Street, fourth door north of Twenty-ninth Street. He remained located at this number until the summer of 1870, when he sold the business and in September, 1871, started an establishment at the southwest corner of Thirty-second and State Streets. After about two years thus occupied he became the manager of his brother-in-law's business, having entire charge of it one year, while the owner went to Europe. On Mr. Pretzsch's return his interest and property were returned to him and Mr. Yocher bought out McCabe & Jones, a concern on State Street, near Thirty-second Street.

He was occupied with this business until



March, 1876, when he paid a four months' visit to Kansas. On returning to Chicago he spent six months located at the southeast corner of Thirty-fifth Street and Wentworth Avenue. He remained there until 1879 and started a business on State, near Thirty-first Street. He remained there until 1882 and built his first building in Chicago at No. 3202 State Street and continued at this location until 1887, when he sold the property and purchased a saloon at the corner of Twenty-fifth Place and Wentworth Avenue, which he conducted three months. This was entirely out of his line and he retired, disgusted with that enterprise. In 1888 he located at Cottage Grove Avenue and Sixty-sixth Street, where he purchased ninety-one feet of ground, with a frame house on it. He erected a large three-story house of brick on this property and has since resided at this place.

June 4, 1878, Mr. Yochem married Miss Ida, daughter of Frederick and Johanna (Winkler)

Fisher. Mrs. Yochem was born May 6, 1852, in the city of Pommern, Germany, and has been a faithful helpmate to her husband. Their children were Ida and Emma. The former died at the age of four weeks, having been born May 4, 1879. Emma was born August 19, 1872, and married Patrick McDermott, a plumber, on August 20, 1892. Their only child, Ida, died at the age of two weeks.

Mr. Yochem was an active member of the Druid order until his lodge was disbanded. He then joined Tent No. 131, Knights of the Macabees. He is connected with U. S. Grant Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He has never accepted any public office, but votes and argues in favor of the Republican party, and is connected with the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Yochem is a very influential and ambitious man. He has always been enterprising to the last degree, and has proven himself capable to hold the interests of the people and his adopted country at heart.

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## JOHN SCHUTT.

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**J**OHN SCHUTT, one of the most competent and skilled mechanics of the city of Chicago, was born in a foreign land, only to leave the country of his nativity in search of better advantages in the Land of the Free. He was born May 19, 1845, in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, his parents being Jacob and Katharine (Kruse) Schutt. He has been and will ever be, true to the country of his adoption, the land which has been kind to him, as is ever the case when the subject is a man of energetic and ambitious mind.

John Schutt was the first of his father's family to emigrate from Germany and reached Chicago June 13, 1866. He had learned the trade

of locksmith in his native land and on arriving in Chicago became occupied with it, under the employ of Frank Letz. He was subsequently in the shops of the Union Foundry Company twenty years, being seven years of that time in full charge of the shop. He was in charge of the shop of Winslow Brothers eleven months, and later was two years with the Dearborn Foundry. He afterwards returned to the last-mentioned employ and is still thus engaged.

Being naturally very economical and industrious, he was enabled to erect a home for himself and family and has since lived in the same. He built the residence in 1872, on St. Lawrence Avenue, near Sixty-fifth Street. He was mar-

ried September 11, 1870, to Miss Sophia, daughter of Henry and Dora Bolte. Mrs. Schutt was born February 13, 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Schutt are the parents of one daughter, Mary. She was born January 23, 1873, and married Otto Lange, January 16, 1892, and her children are accounted for as follows: Frank, born October 28, 1892;

Ida, April 6, 1894, and Frederick, December 3, 1895. Otto Lange was born in Germany April 22, 1866, and came to America in 1882. He is a grocer and a very highly respected and worthy husband and father. John Schutt's father was a shoemaker and his maternal grandfather was Frank Kruse, who was a farmer and landowner.

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## MICHAEL BIEHN.

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**M**ICHAEL BIEHN. Among the most enterprising and ambitious citizens of Chicago, many are of foreign birth and have emigrated from their native lands and adopted the free United States as their ideal country, for the purpose of obtaining a name for themselves and gaining a livelihood for themselves and family. The people of this class are, as a rule, industrious and thrifty to a great degree, and are bent on securing the benefits of a residence in a free land, and often inspire their associates to take up with the manners and customs of the country and profit by the same. Michael Biehn was born September 27, 1848, in Alsace, France, and is a son of John and Theresa (Berringer) Biehn.

With his parents and sister, Mary, he took passage on a ship bound for America. His sister died on the voyage and was buried in the sea. The family arrived in Chicago in 1850 and purchased fifty acres of land at Chicago Heights. John Biehn lived at this location until the time of his death, tilling the soil. He died in 1857, not quite forty years of age, and his widow still lives on the old homestead. She was born February 14, 1818. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Biehn were: Michael; Mary, who died at the age of six months; Elizabeth and Mary. Elizabeth married Nicholas Berg and resides in Lowell, Indiana. Mr. Berg is a blacksmith, and their

children are: Mary, Theresa, George, Frank, Edward and Ida. Mary married Mathias Boos and lives in Hammond, Indiana. Her children are: Margaret, Ina, Theresa, Annie, Lily, Hattie, Gertrude, Ida, Mollie, Rosa and Clara. Mrs. John Biehn married for her second husband George Link, and their only child is named George.

Michael Biehn attended school until he reached the age of sixteen years, and then, at Dyer, Indiana, entered the service of John Berg. He learned the trade of wagon-maker, which occupied him five years, and then went to Crown Point and was employed one year by Charles Schroeder. He came to Chicago and after working two months for the interests of Jacob Link, started for himself at No. 131 Blue Island Avenue. In 1886 he began to work at the trade of a carpenter and has since been thus occupied. He worked five years for the Chicago City Railway and for five years has been with the Illinois Central Railroad Company in its shops at Burnside. He has lived in the last-named vicinity for the past three years.

September 1, 1874, he was married to Miss Mary, daughter of Paul and Barbara (Long) Bolheimer, who was born March 21, 1855, in Liverpool, Ohio. Mrs. Biehn has lived in Chicago twenty-five years. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Biehn were as follows: Joseph, born May 5, 1875,



died an infant; Olive Theresa, born June 3, 1876, died at the age of seven years and six months; Lily Mary, born November 25, 1878; Edward John, August 29, 1881; Alfreda Wilhelmina, July 17, 1888, died at the age of thirteen months; and Viola Barbara, August 8, 1890.

Mr. Biehn is connected with Court Garfield No. 2, Independent Order of Foresters. The family is connected with the Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church. Though never seeking public office, Mr. Biehn is a strict upholder of the principles of the Republican party.

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## CHARLES LEONARD.

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CHARLES LEONARD, who is among the most successful and ambitious of the honored citizens of Chicago, was born June 17, 1839. His parents, Thomas and Mary (Malloy) Leonard, resided at No. 10 Hatters Lane, in Manchester, England, at the time of his birth. His paternal grandfather visited America, but returned to his home in Manchester. He was born in Dublin, Ireland.

Thomas Leonard was twice married and by his first wife became the father of the following children: John, Philip, James and Susan. He died in 1859, aged sixty-three years. He was a contractor in packing dry goods in Manchester and emigrated in 1848, with his second wife, and the following children: Charles, David, Joseph, Mary Ann and Margaret. He settled in Boston, Massachusetts, and was engaged in the crockery business for a period of five years. He then went to Green Bay, Wisconsin, and purchased farm land at Bay Settlement, twelve miles from the city of Green Bay. He cultivated this property six years, and was in this as in all other occupations which he followed, scrupulously honest. He died at this location two years before his worthy helpmate.

Mrs. Thomas Leonard died in 1861, aged fifty-two years, in the city of Boston. Her children are accounted for as follows: Charles is the subject of this article; David is residing with his family, at Falls Church, Virginia, having set-

tled down to farm life, after fighting during the Civil War in the Twentieth Massachusetts Regiment; Joseph resides in Chicago at No. 491 West Madison Street; Peter, a bookbinder in Boston, settled in that city with his family, having served with Mulligan's Brigade during the late Civil War; Mary Ann never married and is now deceased; Margaret fell through the hatchway of the ship while coming to America, and died one week after landing.

Charles Leonard arrived in Chicago in 1859 and was occupied with the position of waiter at the Briggs House eighteen months, and spent the same length of time in the restaurant of S. H. Thompson. He drove a coach for Edward E. Lee one year, being employed in the same capacity for James C. Fargo, one year. March 12, 1863, he began to drive a wagon for the American Express Company and has continued with this concern since. After twenty-two years in the service he was made collector and receiver, which position he still occupies. He is a valued and honored employe and his long period of service in the interest of the company proves the stamina with which the man is endowed and the strength of character which must be brought to bear upon his life, in consequence of which he has been able to remain employed for so long a time and given perfect satisfaction. Such men are as much, if not more, to be honored as those who are fortunate enough to secure a way to make

more money by risking a great deal at the same time, as it requires much patience and stability to remain at one calling year after year, and to see no other pathway but the one that has been traveled the year before.

March 17, 1890, Mr. Leonard started to build the house at No. 7001 State Street, where he now resides. In 1869 he built a house at No. 2936 Wentworth Avenue. February 9, 1862, Mr. Leonard was married to Miss Mary, daughter of Cornelius and Honora (Tuney) Crowley. Her father was born in Cork, Ireland, coming to America after his marriage. He landed in Quebec and went to Buffalo, New York, after a short time. From there he removed to Fort Wayne, Indiana. He died in November, 1846, his wife surviving him until 1851. She was still a young woman at the time of her death, and was the mother of three sons and one daughter. All the sons died when infants, and Mrs. Leonard was the youngest, having been born August 15, 1843.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are the parents of eight children. Mary, the oldest, was born November 29, 1862. She was married September 11, 1889, to John W. Doolady, of Saratoga, New York.

They reside at No. 5731 Atlantic Street, Chicago, and are the parents of the following children: Mary Frances, born January 29, 1891, and Eleanor, June 3, 1894. Joseph was born January 18, 1865, and died December 18, 1879. Charles Thomas, born March 4, 1867, was married July 22, 1888, to Miss Barbara Reiter. He is a driver for Phalan & Wagner and resides with his family at No. 957 Fifty-first Street. His only child, Joseph, was born November 23, 1889. William was born June 25, 1871, and died December 30, 1871. Margaret Agnes, born April 25, 1874, lives at home. David Joseph, born October 2, 1876, and Veronica, born December 7, 1881, are at home. Frances, born April 2, 1883, died November 7, 1884.

Mr. Leonard was made a Mason in William B. Warren Lodge No. 209. He is a Democrat, but has never sought public preference in the form of office. He was reared a Roman Catholic, his parents having been of that faith and their fathers and forefathers before them. Mr. Leonard is one of the oldest and most highly esteemed employes in the service of the American Express Company.

## ANDREW SODERGREN.

**A**NDREW SODERGREN. Many of the foreigners who come to America in search of wealth and a place in the ranks of the free and equal are endowed with will power to succeed, even beyond their hopes, and become prominent citizens. One of those who accepted the citizenship of the United States and is now counted as a successful and highly respected member of the business as well as social circles of Chicago, is Andrew Sodergren.

He was born April 10, 1846, in southern Sweden, and is a son of Ola and Cecelia (Wass) Soder-

gren. He was a gardener in his native land, but never followed this occupation after reaching America. His first employment after his arrival in Chicago was in Lincoln Park, where he worked two years. After some time spent in the employ of Nelson & Benson Company, he entered the services of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, first in a subordinate capacity, but was later made machinist, later still being given the management of the department of repairing machinery. He was in the employ of this company six years in all, and subsequently worked



as machinist helper at the factory of the Crane Elevator Company. He was injured almost fatally while in this factory and was unable to engage in active service for a period of nine months. He was assistant engineer in the Metropolitan block, and subsequently filled the position of engineer. It may be said to his credit that he served eight years with Carry, Ogden & Parker, being recognized as a valuable and trustworthy employe. Subsequent to this length of time spent in the employ of the last-mentioned firm, Mr. Sodergren was employed as engineer by the Grand Crossing Building Supply Company, which position he now holds.

March 20, 1878, Mr. Sodergren was married to Miss Asarena Parson, a daughter of Par and

Helena (Nelson) Parson. Mrs. Sodergren was born April 17, 1854, in Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Sodergren are the parents of the following children: Wallace, Alphonso, Florence, Lily and Oliver.

Mr. Sodergren is a member of First Swedish Lodge No. 479, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Though never active in politics he upholds the principles of the Republican party, and does not let a favorable opportunity pass to assert his views in regard to the same. He is a man of integrity and strength of purpose that is admirable. His duty is apparent to him, and he never fails in doing it to the best of his ability. He is a genial gentleman, and is beloved by a large circle of friends.

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## JOHN LONG.

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JOHN LONG, who is among the most energetic and ambitious citizens of Chicago, was born in Genesee County, New York, July 18, 1836, and is a son of Richard and Sarah Ann (Lyons) Long. Richard Long owned two boats and used them on the Erie Canal. He was born in Pennsylvania, removed to the state of New York, and died at the age of fifty-two years, in 1851. His widow, the mother of John Long, died in Kansas City in 1886, at the age of seventy-three years.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Long were: William, Roxana, Lovina, Oliver, Sarah Ann, John and Henry. The subject of this sketch was the only one of the family of Richard Long to move west. John Long was educated in Buffalo, New York, and became apprenticed to a carpenter at the age of sixteen years. He came west with William Longhurst in 1856, and went to Dubuque, Iowa, from Chicago, driving a horse

and wagon. He stayed there but ten weeks, when he returned to Chicago and has since resided here.

He worked three years in the interest of Milton P. Reynolds and six years for U. P. Smith, and for nine years conducted a business in his own name. He was married in 1861 to Clara Balsley, in Chicago, and their only child was named Clara. For his second wife Mr. Long was united to Mary Schonfeld, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Ersman) Schonfeld. Mrs. Long was born December 4, 1855, in Bremen, Germany, and immigrated to America in 1871. She came with her mother and brother William, and her sisters, Kate and Anna. Her father died June 26, 1877, aged sixty-one years, and her mother March 17, 1886, aged seventy-one years.

Mr. and Mrs. Long are the parents of one son, Frank Long, who lives at home with his parents. The family is connected with the church known

as the Christian Catholic, presided over by Dr. Dowie. The members are well known in the vicinity where they reside and are respected as law-abiding citizens and beloved for their neigh-

borly ways. Though never seeking public office, Mr. Long is an upholder of the principles of the Republican party and a mover for all tendencies toward the right.

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## MICHAEL H. REISSENWEBER.

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**M**ICHAEL HENRY REISSENWEBER. Many of the citizens of the foremost rank in the great cities of America are indebted to Germany for their birthplace, and though they so often become among the most law-abiding of our people and loyal to our Land of the Free and its interests, they never forget nor cease to love that beautiful land of mountains, of the River Rhine, and the many ruins of castles which help to make the valley of the most beautiful of rivers. They revisit their native land, if possible, and though they admire our form of government more, they honor and respect the hospitable nature of their own people. They remember with pleasure the country that gave them birth and revere the name of the Fatherland.

Michael Henry Reissenweber stands as an example of a prosperous citizen of Chicago, and holds the respect of all with whom he comes in contact. He was born November 7, 1834, in the village of Sonnefeld, Saxe-Coburg, Germany, and his parents were Martin and Barbara (Hummel) Reissenweber. His grandfather, Michael Henry Reissenweber, was a shoemaker by occupation. He was twice married and his first wife was Miss Bauersachs, and was the mother of Martin Reissenweber, father of the man whose name heads this article. The second wife of M. H. Reissenweber was Miss Barth and his children in all numbered eleven. Some of them, those of whom record is obtainable, are: Philip, who was a shoemaker and died in New York in 1883;

Johann Paul, John Adams, Eva Barbara, Martin, Anna Marguerita, Michael, Gottfried, Christian and Margaret.

The maternal grandfather, George Henry Hummel, was twice married and the mother of our subject was the child of his first marriage. His first wife was Miss Knauer. His children are accounted for as follows: Jacob, Barbara and Anna Marguerita. The last-named married Henry Bauer, of Blue Island. The family of Hummel was interested in a pottery which was conducted by its members and the work is still carried on by Carl Hummel. The work turned out is of the best and is noted for its quality.

Martin Reissenweber was born May 27, 1808, and died January 27, 1881. He was buried in the village of Sonnefeld, where his son, Michael Henry, was born. He followed the occupation of a shoemaker and also was interested in a grocery. His wife was born June 3, 1811. She died May 18, 1876. Her children were: Michael Henry, Anna Marguerita, Jacob Adolph, Dorothea, Christiana, Henry, Wilhelmina, and six others who died. Anna M. married John Gruber, a building contractor. She was born March 31, 1837, and died February 5, 1897. She was residing in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the time of her decease, and her remains were interred in Iowa City. Her husband had preceded her to the better world. The children of John and Anna M. Gruber were named as follows: Henry, Clara, George, John, James and Minnie. Jacob



Adolph was born June 3, 1839, and has never emigrated from the land of his nativity. Dorothea was born December 10, 1840, and Christiana June 3, 1843. Henry was born May 17, 1848, and Wilhelmina is the youngest.

Michael Henry Reissenweber was the first of his father's family to immigrate to America and reached New York January 15, 1854. He learned the trade of a shoemaker in that city and the last year spent there he conducted a business in his own interests. February 12, 1860, he left New York and visited Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He also traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, and reached Chicago March 20, 1861. He was first employed by John Wolf, located at No. 529 Clark Street. He served in the interests of Mr. Wolf until May, 1863, when he established a business of his own at No. 557 Clark Street. August 1, 1863, he removed to the southeast corner of Fourteenth and Clark Streets and the next May, in 1864, he moved to No. 702 State Street. He leased a lot at No. 780 and built on it, the land now being at No. 1516 State Street. August, 1881, he decided to change his line of business and subsequently conducted a catering establishment at No. 1555 State Street. May, 1884, he removed to No. 2702 Wentworth Avenue and has since this time lived retired from active business life.

Mr. Reissenweber was married March 3, 1863,

to Julianna Kich, a daughter of Peter Kich and a native of Burgen, Rhenish Prussia, Germany. She was born June 21, 1842, and died July 22, 1865. Her parents came to America at the same time and they were married in Chicago. Her children are accounted for as follows: Henry Conrad died at the age of thirty-two years; Charles John resides in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Julianna died at the age of five weeks. Mr. Reissenweber was married the second time, August 3, 1866, to Henrietta Ellfeldt, daughter of Charles Ellfeldt. She was born in Germany August 7, 1842. Her children were named as follows: William Christian, born December 15, 1867; Ottilie, born September 19, 1869; Henrietta Amelia, born July 24, 1871; Louisa, born February 5, 1873; Clara Sophia, born December 5, 1874; Otto, born January 22, 1877, and Dora Gresenda, born August 22, 1882.

Mr. Reissenweber is a member of the German Order of Harugari, having filled all the offices up to the Gross Barde. The members of his family are connected with the Presbyterian Church and are honored and respected by the others of the congregation. Mr. Reissenweber is not an agitator in political affairs and not bound to any particular party. He votes for the man who, in his estimation, is liable to do the most for the welfare of the people, and work to their advantage.

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## NELS J. SWANSON.

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**N**ELS JOHN SWANSON. How many have remarked on the sturdy character and qualities of the people of Scandinavian birth. Those men who are emigrants from their native land and come to America in their youth, are of the mind which is bound to guide the person to success. A man born in Sweden, especially, has the

intention of becoming either rich or famous and may become both. They make our best and most law-abiding citizens and in nine cases out of ten do more for the uplifting of the minds and interests of our people than we ever realize or take note of. Among the most expert brick-makers and firemen of the city of Chicago is Nels John

Swanson. He was born September 28, 1856, in Sweden, and came to America in 1881, arriving in Chicago May 12 of that year.

He was immediately employed by the Knickerbocker Ice Company, one of the largest ice concerns in the city. After one month thus occupied he was with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company four months, and was subsequently employed at the Bridgeport Rolling Mills until they were closed. He worked for Anderson A. Freeman one year and was later for a short time with Shipman's White Lead Company. He had not yet found his proper bent in life, but after six weeks in Brown's Mill at Irondale, he spent four and one-half years in Pullman making brick, and became an expert at the trade. He was employed six successive summers by J. S. Saxon, working at the ice business in winter. A year and one-half subsequently he was fireman at the Bridgeport Rolling Mill and after two months more spent with P. G. Saxon, he became fireman for Swift & Company, at the

Stock Yards. He still holds this position and is honored and respected by his employers and his services are valued as is due his efforts.

Mr. Swanson was married December 15, 1885, to Miss Christina, daughter of Nels and Mary (Nelson) Nelson. Mrs. Swanson was born August 14, 1862. She arrived in Chicago April 9, 1882, and this city has since been her home. Their children are as follows: Nels Harry William, born November 20, 1887; George Hildur Edvin, January 24, 1891, and Swan Herbert Louis, January 17, 1895.

Mr. Swanson sympathizes with the Republican party and at all opportunities expresses his views on the subject, voting at all times in favor of the candidates of the party. He erected a residence in August, 1896, at No. 3646 Seeley Avenue. He has since resided at this location and possesses a pleasant home, wherein dwell peace and harmony at all times. He and his family are genial and hospitable and are considerate and kind to the stranger who is within their gates.

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## WILLIAM METZGER.

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**W**ILLIAM METZGER, who is one of the most energetic and prosperous citizens of the city of Chicago, was born September 2, 1846, in New York City. His parents were John Peter and Dorothea Margaret (Sieger) Metzger and his maternal grandfather was Wilhelm Sieger, who was a tiller of the soil and wine grower. John P. Metzger was born in a house that is about two hundred years old, having been resided in by members of the family of Metzger since it was built. They are a long-lived family, all of the members reaching a very old age.

J. P. Metzger died February 21, 1890, aged eighty-four years, six months and twenty-eight days, and was buried in Graceland Cemetery.

He was born in the town of Elms-Hansen, Hessen-Darmsdat, Germany. He was a landowner and tiller of the soil in his native land, and had an extensive vineyard. He served as burgomaster in the town of Zell, for a number of years. He was a member of the German-Lutheran Church. In the year 1846 the family, consisting of parents and children—Peter, Dora, Susan, Ludwig, Philip, Margaret and Frederick—emigrated from their native land and located in America. There were fourteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Metzger, but those not herein mentioned are deceased.

Mr. Metzger reached New York City and was employed as a laborer for a short time, later



starting in the milk business on Forty-second Street, near Second Avenue, in that city. In the spring of the year 1856 he preceded his family to Chicago and entered the service of Rickert & Bierline, lumber merchants, located at the corner of Sixteenth Street and Wentworth Avenue. Later he was with the Illinois Central Railroad Company, in its repair shops until 1869. He sold his property to the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company and purchased a cottage at the corner of Twenty-fourth Street and Wentworth Avenue. He again traded this for a farm at Pevely, Missouri, gaining in the deal, as he obtained eighty acres of valuable land. He later added eighty acres more to his possessions. The farm was bought in partnership with his sons, Philip and William, and daughter, Susan. They lived on the farm about two years and later removed to Booneville, where Mr. Metzger remained one year before returning to Chicago. He retired not long after, and lived thus until his death.

Mrs. J. P. Metzger, mother of the man whose name heads this article, was fifty-nine years of age when she was taken with smallpox and died in March, 1865. She was married to Mr. Metzger about 1832. Her father was Wilhelm Sieger.

William Metzger was an attendant of the Mosely School until 1860, when he secured a situation as office boy with G. L. Dickinson, remaining in his employ, at a location on South Water Street, from August, 1861, to 1862. Prior to this time he had been with his father in a flour mill six months. In August, 1862, Mr. Metzger enlisted as a drummer in Company E, Seventy-second Illinois, known as the First Board of Trade Regiment. He remained with this regiment until March 18, 1864. At Vicksburg, in December, 1862, he was wounded and confined in a hospital six weeks. In 1863 he was attacked with measles, which he did not recover from for four weeks.

In March, 1864, he was made principal musician in the Fifty-first United States colored troops. In this regiment he was made second lieutenant shortly before he was mustered out of

service. At Fort Blakely he was severely wounded in the right shoulder, losing four months. He was discharged June 16, 1866, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and returned to Chicago. He was engaged in carpenter work for a short time, and in February, 1868, began to work for the Illinois Soapstone Company, remaining in that service until the fire of 1871. The shop was then destroyed and the business discontinued.

Mr. Metzger found his trade very handy, and he helped in the reconstruction of the city. He was employed by the Freer Stone Manufacturing Company as stone cutter, later becoming a salesman for Chapin Brothers. He sold four hundred copies of the History of the Fire, and was with the last-named concern until June, 1873. He then entered the service of the Home Sewing Machine Company as packer, remaining at this occupation until 1878. Subsequently, until August, 1880, he was with Potter Palmer as mechanic, and later with Warner & Kimball, at No. 47 Jackson Street, wholesale dealers in glass, being the first man this firm employed in Chicago. He was with it until 1883.

In the latter part of the year 1883, he opened a store at No. 2504 Wentworth Avenue, and continued it eighteen months. He then entered the employ of Heroy & Marrenner as shipping clerk, which position he held until February, 1896. In September of that year he was employed in the interest of Tyler & Hippach, wholesale dealers in glass, remaining until December, 1897. Since that time he has been with the Metropolitan Plate Glass Company.

November 1, 1869, Mr. Metzger was married to Miss Marion, daughter of Andreas Gabrielson, and their children were four in number: Hattie Louise, born July 18, 1870, married Herman Diebling, and resides on Seventieth Street, between Prairie and Indiana Avenues; Andrew Custer, born October, 18, 1873, is superintendent of the Chicago Gas Regulating Company, at the corner of Dearborn and Van Buren Streets; Maud and Alice were born February 10, 1876, being twins. Alice married Joseph Binney and resides at No. 6625 Hartwell Avenue.

Mr. Metzger married for his second wife

Christine Augustine, who was born in Norway. Her children are as follows: William Walter, born June 15, 1879; Philip Charles, April 22, 1883; May Olive, March 8, 1885; Susan May, March 7, 1888; William Grafton, September 21, 1892; and Anna Marrenner, September 5, 1895.

Mr. Metzger is connected with Gen. Louis

Blenker Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He is a consistent member of Emanuel Baptist Church. He has never been interested in politics, further than to cast his vote at the opportunity in favor of the Republican party. The members of the family are all highly respected, wherever they are known and the name is honored by all.

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## JAMES STORMS.

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**J**AMES STORMS. Among the industrious and well-known citizens of Chicago who were born in foreign parts, but who have not been reluctant in adopting America as a country worthy of their allegiance, is the man whose name heads this article. He was born May 14, 1806, in Murrayshire, town of Kintissic, and parish of Dyke, Scotland.

His paternal grandfather married Mary (surname unknown) and became the father of John Storms, who was the father of James Storms. The maternal grandfather, Alexander McGory, married Jane McLain, and lived to a very old age. His children were: Alexander, James, Mary, Jane, Maria and Christina. John Storms was a shoemaker by trade, and lived in Scotland all his life. His wife died at the age of seventy-two years. Their children were named as follows: Alexander, John, William, Belle, James, Robert, David and Jane. All of this family of children grew to maturity, but none of them excepting James emigrated from their native land.

James Storms followed the trade chosen by his father, after passing the school age, and immigrated to America when fifty-one years old, in the year 1857. With him came six of his family of eight children. John L., the oldest of these,

came over to America three years before his father, and Peter came over two years later than John L. Storms. Both reside in Chicago at the present writing. The six who came with the father are: Margaret, Jane, Isabella, Annie, Robena and Alexander. The last-named died when still an infant.

Mr. Storms located in Lockport, Illinois, and immediately entered into the sale of shoes. He remained in this locality seven years, being very successful. He then removed his family to Chicago and erected a residence at No. 7327 Cottage Grove Avenue. This house still stands, and Mr. Storms has since this time resided in the same vicinity. He purchased ten acres of land in the locality and in association with his sons, John L. and Peter Storms, and son-in-law, Edwin Johnson, platted and sold lots as property became more valuable with the growth of the city in population. Mr. Storms was married in early life to Miss Margaret Brown, a native of the same section as himself, and was one year his senior. She died June 22 of the year 1882. Of the children of this couple, Margaret married A. E. Johnson and survives her husband, residing in Grand Crossing. Jane married Alexander Symons and lives at No. 7410 Langley Avenue. Isabella is now Mrs. A. E. Field; and Annie married



John Russell and lives in South Bend, Washington. Robena married M. F. Mogg and resides at No. 4358 Berkley Avenue, Chicago.

Mr. Storms is not a political agitator nor a seeker after public office, but gives his political allegiance to the Republican party. He is a valuable and influential member of the Presbyterian Church, with which he has been affiliated since childhood. He is a man of high principle, ready

judgment, and his influence is always exerted in the cause of right. Of him the worthy poor never seek aid in vain and his advice is given cheerfully to those who ask. He comes of a sturdy nation and the long lives of his ancestors and direct relatives testify to the value of the temperate habits boasted of for him by his many friends. He is a pleasant, genial gentleman, with whom it is a privilege to converse.

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## JOHN H. RIPLEY.

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**J**OHN HENRY RIPLEY. Of the people of to-day who are unsuccessful in their life work, how many are there that owe their failure to the fact that they did not understand what their true vocation should have been. Many more follow the proper occupation suited to their abilities but do not strive enough to perfect themselves in this particular line and form another class of failures, which is the most to be despised of either. But among those who are wise enough to become proficient in his calling after choosing the proper occupation, is John Henry Ripley. He is to-day one of the most prominent and successful of builders and contractors in the southern portion of the city of Chicago.

He was born May 3, 1857, in Bradford, Yorkshire, England. His parents were James and Louise (Wilkeson) Ripley, and they located in Chicago thirty years ago, in 1868. Their children were named as follows: Margaret, Thomas (now deceased), John Henry and Herbert, who is a contractor and resides at No. 3746 Calumet Avenue.

At the age of twenty-five years J. H. Ripley began contracting for himself and located at No. 3160 Prairie Avenue. He has continued contracting since that time and has been in the same section fifteen years. He is located with

his work in Brookline and Park Manor. Of important contracts he has made sub-divisions, among which is that of Walter S. Dray. He has had all the work of Park Manor, and did the excavating on the Pullman Building. He has also contracted for much other important work and has made a decided success in this portion of the city.

Mr. Ripley was married September 27, 1880, to Miss Abbie Adelia, daughter of John Michael and Ann Eliza (King) Beutelle. Mrs. Ripley was born October 16, 1859, near Long Branch, New Jersey. She came to Chicago October 23, 1871. Her father resides in Winchester, Virginia, and is eighty years of age. He conducts a vinegar factory. His wife is seventy years old and their children were named: Martin Luther, Hoss Melancthon, Merebith Christina, Emelius Marks, Abigail Adelia and Margaret Matilda.

Mr. and Mrs. Ripley are the parents of one child, Thomas Joseph Newton, born May 27, 1882. Mr. Ripley is not a seeker after public favor in the form of office, but upholds the principles of the Republican party. He is connected with Aldine Lodge, No. 119, Knights of Pythias. The Beutelle branch of Mrs. Ripley's ancestors are of French extraction, and the King family is English-American.

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CASSIUS C. ROBERTS

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## CASSIUS C. ROBERTS.

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**C**ASSIUS CLAY ROBERTS, who represents the New England blood and spirit which have been so active in framing the material, moral and social growth of the entire West, is a native of the State of Maine, born March 5, 1846, in the town of Jackson, Waldo County. He comes of Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather, Joseph Roberts, having been a soldier in the struggle for American independence. The last-named was the first settler in the town of Brooks, Maine, where he located subsequent to the Revolutionary war.

Dr. Jacob Roberts, son of Joseph above mentioned, and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a prominent Quaker, and eminent in the medical profession. He lived at Vassalboro, and was the first to practice homeopathy in the State. Hamlin M. Roberts, son of the doctor and father of Cassius C., was a leading farmer of Jackson, and was one of the three who cast the first Abolition votes in the town, voting for John G. Birney for president in 1840. He died in 1856, when the subject of this sketch was only ten years old.

C. C. Roberts was fitted for college at Lewiston, in the Maine State Seminary, now known as Bates College. Here he developed his qualities as a leader, and was one of the seceders from the Literary Fraternity, being active in securing a charter for the Philomethan Society, which became a rival of the Literary. He early evinced a taste for politics, and walked seventeen miles to

attend a Republican convention when only twelve years old. In 1860 his parents removed from Unity to Gray.

Here he enlisted in August, 1861, as a member of Company I, Tenth Maine Infantry, with which he served two years. His only absence from duty during this period was caused by a wound in the leg received August 9, 1862, at the battle of Cedar Mountain, Virginia. When his term of enlistment had expired he was commissioned first lieutenant in Company H, Eighty-first United States Volunteers, commanded by Col. John F. Appleton. After the surrender of Port Hudson he returned home and entered the First Maine Heavy Artillery, as a member of Company L. May 19, 1864, at Spottsylvania, Virginia, he received a second wound, but returned to the command the following September. He was then promoted to second lieutenant and continued with his regiment to the end. After the surrender of Lee, he was on detached service until he was mustered out, September 11, 1865. At this time he was first lieutenant of Company B, and captain by brevet, being only nineteen years of age, and had served over four years in the army. While on detached duty he was aide-de-camp on the staff of Gen. M. D. Hardin, commander of the defenses of Washington, and was later judge advocate of a court martial. The First Maine Regiment of Heavy Artillery lost more men in killed and wounded than any other on the Federal side during the war. They lost



six hundred and thirty-two out of nine hundred and four in their famous charge at Petersburg June 18, 1864.

On retiring from the army, Mr. Roberts completed the course at Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, and next spent a year as bookkeeper for Roberts & Hichborn, shipbuilders at Stockton, Maine. In the summer of 1867 he entered Bethany College, West Virginia, and remained one year, but the active life of a soldier and his subsequent business experience had made irksome the sedentary condition of a student, and he returned to business pursuits.

Entering the ship building firm of Colcord, Berry & Company, he was forced, in common with others, to abandon the business, which declined rapidly after the close of the war. He then opened a general store at Stockton, and continued its operation until 1879. He was three years a representative of Waldo County on the Democratic State Committee, was chairman of the Congressional District Committee, and a delegate to the National Convention at Baltimore in 1872. He was three times defeated as a candidate for representative from Stockton and Searsport, the margin in 1876 being only seven votes. The following year he was nominated for state senator, but was defeated, and was elected to that position in 1878, serving when Alonzo Garcelon was governor.

In 1882 Mr. Roberts took up his residence in Boston and established a successful produce commission business. The following winter he lost all he possessed in an unfortunate potato speculation, and concluded to make a new start in the broad West, where energy and brains find abundant opportunity for exercise. He was not without friends, who provided him with a railway pass to Chicago, and arrived in this city in March, 1884, having a capital of ten dollars, in addition to a stout heart and a useful business experience. Anything honest that came in his way was accepted, and he was variously employed during his first year in the western metropolis. Among other vocations which he accepted were those of book canvasser and clerk.

At the end of a year he had accumulated some small savings and entered business, in company with John Kane, a former acquaintance of Searsport, Maine, opening a grocery and market. After one year Mr. Roberts sold his interest in the business to his partner and entered the Chicago post-office, as superintendent of second, third and fourth class matter in the mailing department. This appointment was secured through the influence of Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller and C. P. Kimball, who were State of Maine friends of Mr. Roberts. The late Nelson Dingley, of Maine, was also a warm friend, though political opponent of Mr. Roberts.

The latter resigned his position in January, 1889, to enter the newspaper field. He established the Chicago *Weekly Opinion*, which is devoted to the local society and political interests of the West Side, and has ever since continued its publication. For some years he lived in the suburb of Lawndale (now part of the city), and removed in 1898 to Riverside, a beautiful suburb located on the Desplaines River. His newspaper business has been extended to include eight local suburban publications, and he is also at times a reporter for the City Press Association. Another of his business ventures was the conduct of the Millard Avenue Hotel for five years. Mr. Roberts was one of the promoters of the Twenty-second Street electric railway, buys and sells real estate on commission, and is interested in a large number of suburban lots.

He has been several years secretary of the McClellan Veterans' Club, was two years president of the Democratic organization of his ward and subsequently president of the Old Hickory Club, an independent organization, which sought to secure the election of honest aldermen, irrespective of party. The *Opinion*, Mr. Roberts' paper, is usually opposed to the "machine" in local politics, and has wielded a powerful influence in promoting good government. It was the only English paper that supported the late Carter H. Harrison, when he was an independent Democratic candidate for mayor, as opposed to the late De Witt C. Cregier.

December 31, 1868, Mr. Roberts was married

to Miss Pauline E. Colcord, of Stockton, Maine, a native of Prospect, Maine. When she passed away, November 30, 1875, she left two interesting daughters to comfort her bereaved husband. They are named Parepa and Pauline, the latter being the wife of James J. Lawler, a Connecticut Yankee, who is cashier and assistant superintendent of the Winsted Silk Company of Chicago. After remaining twenty-three years a single man Mr. Roberts was again wedded, January 5, 1898,

to Miss Margaret Bennett, an accomplished young lady of Clyde.

Mr. Roberts is a member of the Illinois Press Association and is active and influential in the organization known as the Sons of Maine, and in the Pheta Delta Chi college society. His success in life has not detracted from his thorough democracy, and he is a genial and approachable gentleman, ever interested in the welfare of the general people.

## LOUIS E. HUGUELET.

**L**OUIS EMIL HUGUELET, who is among the retired citizens of the city of Chicago, has proved himself one of the most worthy and respectable of the upbuilders of the city, and has been loyal in the most emphatic manner to the Land of the Free, which is his adopted country. His career has been a varied one, and he has met with many classes of men and dealt with some who were among the most dishonest. He has had many trials and has borne his share with the best. Born in the town of Vauffelin, in canton Berne, Switzerland, November 29, 1834, he is a son of David Louis and Marian (Serket) Huguelet.

The paternal grandfather of Louis Emil Huguelet had the following children: Pierre, David, Henry, John and Julia. None of the family emigrated from their native land except David, father of the man whose name heads this article. The family was Protestant, and very old in Switzerland. The maternal grandfather had children as follows: Harriette, Julia, Marian and Ann. Julia married Mr. Frane in Switzerland and came to America, locating in Marshallville, Ohio, where her family lives at this writing.

David L. Huguelet and his wife and eight

children immigrated to the United States and located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in July, 1849. Mr. Huguelet was a shoemaking blacksmith and began work at his trade soon after settling. In the spring of 1851 he removed his family to the city of Chicago, which was then a small town, on the marshes of the Chicago River, and was occupied at general labor from that date until his death. He was born in 1812 and died in September, 1887, after living a useful life, and was mourned by his friends and relatives as a good and true man, who did all in his power for his family and mankind in general.

Mrs. D. L. Huguelet passed away from the trials and tribulations of this life in December, 1882, at the age of seventy-six years. Her children made up a large family, of each of whom slight mention is made: Louis Emil is the oldest of the number. Mary was married to Valentine Russer, a brass moulder in the factory where L. E. Huguelet learned his trade; they had one son, John Russer, who now resides with his mother on the North Side. Valentine Russer is now deceased. John Emanuel Huguelet resides on the North Side, in Chicago. Sophia married Charles Morey and also lives on the North Side.



Julia married Lawrence Huck and lives in the same portion of Chicago, as do also James Eugene and Henry.

L. E. Huguelet remained at home with his parents until the Civil War broke out. At the age of nineteen years he started to learn the trade of brass moulder, in the employ of Christopher Metz, and with others organized and became a member of Engine Company No. 11 (better known as the Neptune), Volunteer Fire Department of Chicago. He was a sailor on Lake Michigan two seasons on lumber vessels, and one season on a vessel trading with Indians. April 16, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out September 6, 1864. He had a very exciting and unpleasant experience during the war, and was a prisoner at Richmond, Virginia, for some time. He was removed to Danville, North Carolina, with three others, Peter Winan and himself being able to escape. They traveled twelve days, and, when near the Union lines, were recaptured and brought back to prison. They were very fortunate, however, in being paroled in three days.

At the termination of the war Mr. Huguelet returned to Chicago and was occupied at his chosen trade, that of moulder. He was again employed by Mr. Metz and remained with him twelve years, being given charge of the brass moulding department. He subsequently established a stove repair business, at the corner of State and Lake Streets, in the City Hotel, and continued one year. He entered the employ of J. P. Dalton, hardware dealer, located at No. 71 Lake Street, where he was given charge of all casting and repairing, and occupied this position twenty-four years, proving his stability of character and power to fill all requirements. He was an honored and valued employe, and served his employer's interests to the best of his ability. For four subsequent years Mr. Huguelet had charge of the stock department of the George L. Thompson Manufacturing Company, and has retired from active service since that time.

He was married February 21, 1865, to Miss Barbara Sabina Neeb, daughter of Nicholas Neeb,

who came from Bavaria, Germany, in 1853. Nicholas and Barbara (Kertzner) Neeb resided in a house which had been in the family many generations, and their sons, George A. and Nicholas, were born in this building. The grandfather, John Neeb, was seventy-five years of age at the time of his decease, which occurred in the year 1825. He was an extensive landowner, and beside following the occupation of a tiller of the soil, he was a blacksmith by trade. His children were as follows: John, Carl, Michael, Elizabeth, Mary, Nicholas, and a daughter whose name is not recorded. The maternal grandfather died when his only child, Barbara, was still very young, leaving the child an orphan.

George A. Neeb, whose name is at the head of a biography in another volume of this work, is one of the most prosperous business men of Grand Crossing, and a type of the sturdy character that, though born in a foreign land, enables its owner to become a loyal citizen in the land of his adoption. Nicholas Neeb immigrated to America with his wife and eight children, and died December 24, 1864, and his remains were interred in St. Boniface Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Huguelet became the parents of eleven children, who are accounted for by the following brief mention: Emil Adam, born November 8, 1866, died at the age of eight months. Frank Louis, born January 29, 1868, resides in the same building that affords a home to his parents; he married Theresa Ebert, July 23, 1892, and their children are named: Louis, John and Angeline. Of Emil further notice is made on another page of this work. Anna Magdalene was born September 17, 1872, and married Peter Sink, January 7, 1897; they reside at No. 5746 Armour Avenue, and their only child is named John Peter. Barbara Margaret, born September 23, 1874, resides with her parents. George Adam was born December 27, 1876; he enlisted in the Illinois Naval Reserves and took part in the Spanish-American war as fireman on the transport "Yale." Celestine Bernard, born February 16, 1879; Frank Edward, September 5, 1881; John Nicholas born January 22, 1885, died December 8, 1893; Charles Henry, born Decem-

ber 29, 1887; and Joseph Albert, October 11, 1889, completes the family.

Mr. Huguelet is a member of Welter Post No. 701, Grand Army of the Republic. His wife was reared a Roman Catholic, in which faith all her children were brought up. Mr. Huguelet is a

Republican, true to his party's interests and using his influence in its favor at all times. He is a man of strong character, as the history of his life will clearly show, and he has done his share in the making of progress for the world at large.

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## ERNST JAEGER.

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**E**RNST JAEGER has played an important part in the line of business which has occupied him since the time of his emigration to America and settling in Chicago. He comes of an old and highly respected German family, many members of which have been prominent, and whose deeds will never be forgotten for their valor and sturdiness. He is of a race of stanch men, with characters which make them recognized. Born April 6, 1832, in the city of Erbach, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, he is a son of Philip and Henrietta Jaeger, nee Schott. His paternal grandfather was a high officer in Hessen-Darmstadt, known as secretary of state.

Philip Jaeger, father of the man whose name heads this article, was born March 7, 1800, in Pirmasens, Bavaria. He died in 1884 and his remains were buried in Laasphe, Prussia. He occupied the important position of forest director, having been appointed in 1842. He was a well-educated man, and was author of four books on mathematics and forestry, which were standard and generally accepted in Germany as the best authority on the subject of which they treated. His first wife and mother of the man of whom this sketch treats, died in 1846, at the age of forty years. She became the mother of eight children, two of whom were sons and came to America.

Philip Jaeger married for his second wife Minnie Jaeger, who is no relation of his by blood,

though of the same surname. Louis was the first of his father's family to emigrate, and located in Rochester, New York, in 1851. He came to Chicago in 1860, and died January 23, 1879. His birth occurred August 23, 1833. Louis Jaeger was in America ten years before his brother, Ernst, came over, intending to make his brother a visit. They were nearly of an age and were very fond of each other, and Louis induced Ernst to remain in the New World and assist him in his business, that of wholesale whisky and wine merchant. Their long and intimate business relations sealed the bond between them, and Ernst Jaeger was almost inconsolable when his brother died.

Mr. Jaeger reached Chicago in December, 1865, and was employed by his brother one year, after which he was made a partner, and continued in the business from January, 1867. The firm name became Louis Jaeger & Brother and the business was removed in 1870, from No. 221 Randolph Street, across the street. The brothers lost all they had in the fire of 1871, and established their business again on West Twelfth Street, near Union Street, and remained until 1873. The concern was then located at No. 64 West Van Buren Street, where it continued until it was again burned out in 1875. The brothers then returned to their old stand on Randolph Street and remained until the death of Louis, in 1879, when Mr. Jaeger continued alone, under



his individual name. He subsequently removed to Jackson Street, near Fifth Avenue, and after two years again changed the location of the enterprise to No. 61 West Lake Street, where it is to be found at the present time.

Mr. Jaeger has been very successful, financially, and erected the first house in the block where he resides, at No. 5917 Dearborn Street. His pleasant and comfortable home has stood since 1886. He was married November 18, 1879, to Miss Marie Forster, a native of Ger-

many, who died January 17, 1894, at the age of forty-eight years. Though never a seeker after public office, Mr. Jaeger is a staunch Democrat. He is connected with Stephen A. Douglas Council No. 642, Royal Arcanum. He is a man of education and refined tastes and takes pleasure in gratifying them. He is of a retiring disposition and never seeks popularity, being recognized at the same time by his neighbors as a gentleman, and admired by all his acquaintances and friends.

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## ANDERS MADSEN.

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**A**NDERS MADSEN, a well-known citizen and business man of the northwest portion of Chicago, was born June 1, 1843, in Langeland, near Rudkjoberg, Denmark. His boyhood was spent upon a farm, and after receiving a fair education in the common schools of that country, he resolved to follow the sea, which has been the natural home of his countrymen for many generations. Securing a position as cabin boy, he followed the sea for about eleven years, sailing under the flags of five different nations and having many adventures and strange experiences. He visited most of the ports of the European countries, the West Indies, and the coast of South America. He visited the coast of Brazil in the coffee trade many times. Twice he made the long passage round the southern point of South America, known as "doubling the Horn." He was shipwrecked on numerous occasions, once on the island of Syra in Greece, while on board a Belgian steamer. The vessel was recovered and proceeded to Sebastapol, where it was repaired. He resolved to better fit himself for his duties by study, and accordingly spent eight months at the School of Navigation at Svendborg, Denmark. He was then ordered to report

on board the receiving ship, whence he proceeded on board the new ironclad, "Peter Skran," which escorted the Danish Princess to Kronstadt, where she became Empress of Russia.

After a few more years spent on the ocean the subject of this notice followed the natural course of emigration and came to America, in 1870. He spent some time in Iowa and in 1871 came to Chicago, where he found opportunity to take up his old calling. For two years he spent the summer months on the lakes and in winter found employment in Chicago. In 1872 he was shipwrecked at South Haven, Michigan, and returning to Chicago, at once started for his native land. In 1873 he again took up his residence in the Western metropolis, and having by careful economy saved a sufficient amount, he engaged in business, opening a milk and butter depot at No. 51 West Ohio Street. This proved a paying establishment, and was continued until the spring of 1885, with satisfactory results. At that time a part of the business was sold and the remainder rented.

Having by this time a larger capital with which to operate, Mr. Madsen decided to start a real estate office and invested in building lots. On

these he erected houses and business blocks, thus greatly adding to the value of his own and adjacent property. As there was a steady demand for such property he was able to dispose of his holdings at a handsome profit. In this way he has built and sold about fifteen houses in the city, besides dealing in other property.

In 1885 he purchased a house at No. 203 Evergreen Avenue, which he rebuilt, and which has since been his home. He has seen many changes in the growth of Chicago, and can point with pride to the fact that he has been active in bringing about these changes. He laid out one tract of nine acres on Forty-second Avenue in lots, which are now included in the city. Though he came to America a foreigner, with small capital,

he has by industry and strict attention to the business in hand accumulated a fine property and made a reputation, which will be a source of pride and gratification to all of his descendants.

In 1873 Mr. Madsen was married to Miss Hansine Johansen, who died in 1891, leaving six children: Alfred, William, Charles, Walter, Agnes and Olga. The father was married in the spring of 1893 to Karen Andersen. They are the parents of one son, Andrew. The family is connected with the Wicker Park Methodist Church, of which Mr. Madsen is a trustee. In politics he believes in the principles of the Republican party, but in local affairs is not strictly bound by party ties.

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## ROBERT J. ALLISON.

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ROBERT JACKSON ALLISON, for many years a leading and influential citizen of Lyons Township, was a native of the town of Northeast, Erie County, Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1832. His father, Robert Allison, was born in 1806, in the same town, where his father, William Allison, was among the earliest settlers. The wife of the latter was Ellen Hurst, of Irish parentage. The male progenitors of this family were Scotch, but William Allison was a native of the United States. Jane Allison, mother of the subject of this biography, was born in Whitehall, New York, and was a daughter of Capt. Thomas Lyon, who served seven years in the Revolutionary army and had one of his limbs shortened as the effect of a wound received in battle.

William Allison was a blacksmith and farmer, and his son, Robert, became a carpenter and builder. In the spring of 1839 he removed to Chicago, and brought his family in the autumn

of the same year. He constructed many buildings in the region devastated by the great fire of 1871. When he came to the city it had a population of only forty-two hundred souls, and no building was done in his time outside of Halsted Street, Chicago Avenue and Twelfth Street. He was drowned in the canal near Summit in the spring of 1858. His widow survived until September, 1882, reaching the age of seventy-three years. They had five sons and two daughters, four of whom are now living, and only one, the fourth, ever left Chicago. She lives in Mobile, Alabama. Following are the children, in order of birth: Benjamin F., Robert J., Thomas Lyon, Ellen (widow of James Quinn), Mary (wife of John Miller) and Richard and James (deceased).

Robert J. Allison was seven years old when he came with his parents to Cook County. He attended the public schools of the city, and from boyhood was known to his companions as "Hon-est Jack." Without the complimentary prefix,



he was usually called by this contraction of his second Christian name. In 1849 he began driving a packet team on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, and for several years was identified with operations on the canal. He made hay on the prairies, and took any honest employment that came to his hand. For a long time he labored on the farm of "Long John" Wentworth, at seventy-five cents a day.

In 1853 Mr. Allison married Ellen Kerrigan, of Irish parentage. He opened a general store at Summit, and was for more than a quarter of a century postmaster at that point. He also served as justice of the peace for about the same period. During his life he was several times elected assessor, tax collector and highway commissioner. Though he was not identified with any church

he was a highly moral citizen, and a worthy example to the rising generation. He was earnest in his support of the principles of the Republican party, but received the votes of all classes of citizens whenever he was a candidate for an official position. His influence was widely spread, and he died, deeply regretted, in September, 1891. Beside his widow, eight of his eleven children survive to mourn his loss, as follows: John T., Mary (Mrs. James Welch, of Summit), Kate (wife of William I. Cronin, of Chicago), Margaret, Frank, Robert, Sarah and Nancy. Agnes died while the wife of Fred Jenson, of Summit. The eldest son is general western agent of the American Forcite Powder Company, with office in Chicago, and resides at La Grange, Cook County, Illinois.

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## FREDERICK WILK.

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**F**REDERICK WILK was born June 9, 1825, in Straus, Mecklenberg, Germany, and is a son of Jacob Wilk. The latter was a laboring man in his native land, after leaving the public school. In 1854, the family, consisting of the parents and two daughters and Frederick, of this article, came to America. They sailed from Hamburg, Germany, landing in New York, whence they went to Columbus, Ohio, where the parents resided until their death.

Frederick is the eldest of his father's family; Hannah, of Columbus, is next in order of birth; and the third, Louise, wife of Reinold Pabst, resides at No. 516 Milwaukee Avenue. Frederick came to Chicago in 1857, and at once entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. He served a regular apprenticeship at the machinist's trade and continued to work in the shops of the company thirty-three and one-half years, proving his stability of character and

power to satisfy the demands of his employers. In 1892 he retired and has since enjoyed peace and quiet.

In Columbus, Ohio, about three months after his arrival there, he was married to Miss Fredericka Behnke, a native of Germany. Ten children graced this union, of whom seven are living. Frederick, junior, the eldest, is employed in the Union Trust Company Bank. Reynold is next in order of birth. William is a plumber in Chicago. The others are: Minnie, Anna, Louis and Adeline.

Mrs. Wilk died July 7, 1892, mourned by her family and many friends. The members of the family are connected with St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, where they are valued among its most influential workers. Mr. Wilk is a member of Goethe Lodge No. 329, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a highly respected citizen and a gentleman of the old school.

## GEORGE HOFMANN.

GEORGE HOFMANN, a leader among the German-American citizens of Cook County, was born January 1, 1825, near the city of Baden, in Hessen-Darmsdat, Germany. His parents were Alloez and Anna Mary (Wilhelm) Hofmann. His paternal grandfather, George Hofmann, was a tanner by trade, and reached the remarkable age of one hundred and thirteen years. The maternal grandfather, Philip Wilhelm, was a farmer by occupation.

Alloez Hofmann came to America in 1846, and after remaining three years in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, settled in Sharpsburg, a suburb of that city, where he owned and operated a farm. He also engaged in the manufacture of staves and nail kegs, with gratifying success. He was well known through western Pennsylvania as a talented musician, and attained the age of eighty-seven years, dying in February, 1882.

George Hofmann preceded his father's family to America, and arrived in New York June 15, 1844. He spent one year in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in 1845 came to Chicago. He immediately secured a tract of land at the intersection of Western and Ogden Avenues, where he planted the trees subsequently known as "Silver Leaf Grove," many of which are still standing. Here in 1855 he opened the hotel known as the Plank Road Hotel—afterwards christened "Silver Leaf Grove." In 1846 he added four acres which cost him one hundred dollars per acre. He re-

mained on this spot fifteen years, and during that time was engaged in the dairy business and in dealing in horses and cattle.

In 1864 he removed to Lyons and purchased a valuable property at the northwest corner of Ogden Avenue and Joliet Road, which he still owns, and where he was engaged in the hotel business until 1871. Since that date he has been a resident of Chicago. Upon his removal to this city he engaged in the bottling business, having his son for a partner, and continued twelve years. In 1886 they built a brewery on Green Street, between Madison and Washington Streets, which was operated by the Brewer and Hofmann Brewing Company, and Mr. Hofmann is still a stockholder in this institution. In 1896, with his sons, he built a brewery at Rockwell and Monroe Streets, which is operated by his sons and son-in-law, under the title of Hofmann Brothers Brewing Company. During his career Mr. Hofmann has engaged quite extensively in buying and selling real estate.

He was married, in 1849, to Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Smith) Welder, of Germany. Five children were born to them, namely: Alloez, John (deceased), George, Valentine and Elizabeth, the last-named being the wife of George Hermann. June 15, 1895, the family was bereaved by the loss of the wife and mother, who expired at the age of sixty-seven years.

Mr. Hofmann was among the organizers of



Cicero Township, and was one of the first school directors, holding the office for several years. He has always been an active member of the Roman Catholic Church and was the principal instigator of the movement which resulted in the erection of a house of worship for that sect in Lyons, being among the most liberal contributors

to that end. Politically he is a staunch Democrat. The success obtained by Mr. Hofmann is the result of his energy and integrity. These qualities, together with his genial nature, have attracted and held lifelong friendships and he is regarded with the highest respect and esteem in the circles which know him best.

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## HENRY WEDEKIND.

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**H**ENRY WEDEKIND, a worthy pioneer of Cook County, was born in Gilten, province of Hanover, Germany, May 1, 1834. His parents, Henry and Mary Wedekind, were natives of Hanover and members of very old and well-respected families.

Henry Wedekind, senior, was a carpenter by trade, and followed his occupation in the Fatherland. He was the father of six children, of whom Henry, the man whose name heads this article, is the eldest. Louise is the wife of Henry Timm, of Cook County; Sophia is the widow of Frederick Mahlmann, and lives in Chicago; Mary is the wife of Henry Fehrenkamp, of Morgan Park; William is a resident of Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1848 the family came to the United States and located on a farm near Desplaines, in the Town of Maine, Cook County, and commenced to till rented land. About ten years later Mr. Wedekind purchased a tract of eighty acres, and after following agriculture several years, he removed to Chicago and retired from active life. Mrs. Wedekind departed this life in 1881, having reached the age of seventy-four years, and Mr. Wedekind survived her until 1887, dying in his eighty-first year.

Henry Wedekind was fourteen years of age when his father removed from his native land, and received most of his education in Germany. He attended an English school through one win-

ter term, after immigrating to America, at what was called Babcock's Grove, Du Page County. Henry Wedekind, senior, had but one hundred dollars when he landed in America, and his children were required to assist in supporting the family. Before attaining his majority young Henry was employed five years by a Mr. Clark, who kept a country tavern in Du Page County and also conducted a farm. He afterwards assisted his father until the date of his marriage, and thereafter remained on the old farm. He was successfully engaged in agriculture until 1872. He purchased property in Chicago in that year, and has since lived retired in this city. A few years after his removal to the city he sold his farm property. His life on the farm had been one of quiet and industrious peace. He did not aspire to public office of any kind, but gave his support to the Republican party.

Nothing in more conducive to the happiness and success of a man than a pleasant, harmonious life companion, such as Mr. Wedekind obtained April 30, 1859, when he married Louise Giesecke, a native of Hanover, Germany, and daughter of John Giesecke. She came to America in 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Wedekind became the parents of seven children, of whom two died in infancy, and Harvey, the second son, died in Chicago, in 1888. He left a widow and one son, Henry. Of the living, Louise is the eldest. She is the widow.

of Herman Scheidelman. Frederick is a lithographer in Chicago; Sophia is the wife of Joseph Schroeder, of Chicago; George, who married the widow of his brother, Henry, is the father of three children, George, Rena and Edwin.

The members of the family are connected with St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. When the first of the Wedekind family located in America, the country around Cook County was mostly an unbroken plain with but few white settlers. Game was plentiful and occasionally

small bands of Indians roamed through the settlements. Mr. Wedekind has not only witnessed the change that has taken place, but bore his share in bringing about the marvelous development. While not caring to be conspicuous as a leader, in any sense, he has given his support and influence to furthering every move for the benefit of the country of his adoption. By honesty and industry, assisted by his good wife, he has acquired an ample fortune, to enable him to enjoy in the evening of life a well-deserved rest.

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## FREDERICK BERGMAN.

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**F**REDERICK BERGMAN, a retired gardener of Chicago, has resided on the property he now occupies since 1853. He was born October 28, 1836, in Westphalia, Prussia, and is the only living child of Frederick and Anna (Sternbrier) Bergman.

The father was a mason in his native land, from which he emigrated to America in 1839, first settling in New Orleans. He subsequently removed to St. Louis, whence he came to Chicago, and here located permanently. He shortly afterward purchased two acres of land on North Wells Street, at what is now the corner of Carroll Street, and was the first settler in that portion of the city. Being without capital, he followed teaming and laboring for some years, and in 1848 bought twenty acres in section twenty-nine, Lake View Township, where he carried on farming and gardening. He disposed of his first purchase and later secured a tract of timberland farther north. Having left his wife and two children, a son and a daughter, in Germany, he intended sending for them as soon as he was able, but his wife died before this could be brought about, and shortly after the daughter followed her, so that the son was the only one to reach America.

About 1845 Mr. Bergman again married and of his second family three children are living: John, Herman and Louise. Mr. Bergman died in 1879, but his widow still survives, having reached the advanced age of eighty-three years.

Frederick Bergman of this sketch was about three years of age when his father left for America, and a year later was left an orphan. He was supported by friends of the family for a few years, but knew none of his relatives except an aunt with whom he lived one year. He received the ordinary educational advantages and since the age of six years has been practically self-supporting. He earned his first wages during his seventeenth year, in a brick yard, and a friend of his father's having looked him up for the purpose of taking him to Chicago, he left his clothes and what money he had earned in order to make the journey.

In August, 1853, he sailed from Bremen for New York, spending six weeks on the water. He proceeded at once to Chicago, where he joined his father and remained with him until he became of age. He subsequently worked for others for two years, saving two hundred dollars, with which modest sum he set up an establishment of



his own after his marriage. By diligent application and hard work he accumulated one thousand dollars, which he loaned to a friend and lost. He then began investing his savings in building lots and at the time of his father's death owned ten lots and inherited eighteen more. He continued his gardening operations until 1881, but since that time has devoted himself principally to building up and improving his property, also dealing more or less in real estate.

May 6, 1860, occurred the marriage of Mr. Bergman to Miss Augusta Arnhold, who was born May 11, 1843, near Nordhausen, Prussia, and came to Chicago the same year as her hus-

band. Her parents, Christian and Justina Arnhold, both died in Chicago, the former in 1890, aged eighty years, and the latter in 1892, aged eighty-one years. Seven sons and seven daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bergman, but only the following are now living: Frederick, in the employ of the United States Express Company; Augusta, wife of Henry Hachmeister, residing on May Street; George, Annie, Hattie and Frieda, living at home. The family is connected with the Independent Evangelical Church. Mr. Bergman has supported the Republican party since its organization, but has never consented to hold any public office.

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## HARTWIG F. GOETZ.

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**H**ARTWIG FRANZ GOETZ, who is one of the well-known citizens in the vicinity where he resides, is possessed of a beautiful, modern home and a competence, which he has gained by his own qualities and stability. He was born in Germany, like many of our most successful citizens, and came to the United States to avail himself of the better opportunities offered in the comparatively new country. His birthplace is in Mecklenburg, where he first saw light February 22, 1846. He is a son of August and Caroline Hartwig (Beckman) Goetz.

August Goetz was born January 14, 1810, in Mecklenburg, and conducted his own tailor shop. He acquired considerable wealth, and died January 24, 1890. His wife, mother of the man whose name heads this article, was born January 10, 1814, in the same place as her husband, and died January 23, 1890. Their deaths occurred only twenty-three hours apart and they were buried together. They were the parents of three

other children beside Hartwig Franz, brief mention of each being here made:

William, born January 31, 1838, was a high school teacher in Berlin, Germany, and died at the age of forty-two years. He was married but had no children. Louisa, born in 1840, married Ludwig Giertz, resides in Mecklenburg, Germany, and has two children, Hartwig and Henry. Christina, born April 19, 1844, died in 1884. She married and resided in Hamburg, but had no children. Hartwig Franz is the youngest, and the only one of this family to emigrate from his native land. The paternal grandfather, Johann Goetz, was a tiller of the soil and cultivated his own land. He was married twice and the father of H. F. Goetz was born of his first marriage. He had a son, Frederick Goetz, by his second marriage, who came to America in 1849, and located in Terre Haute, Indiana. He was one of the rebels of that period and was forced to flee from his home for his own safety.

Hartwig F. Goetz reached Chicago in September, 1871, and followed the trade of carpenter. He was fortunate in choosing the time to come to this country, as he happened on a time when it was easy to find employment, in the year of the great fire. He entered the service of Charles Busse and remained eight months, and was employed by the furniture concern of Elias & Ewers four subsequent years. He has been in the government employ as mail carrier twenty-two years, since April, 1877.

Being of an economical and thriving disposition Mr. Goetz has been enabled to build at different times. He erected a house at No. 2834 Union Avenue, in 1883. In 1896 he sold this property, and in 1898 erected a three-story brick flat building at the southwest corner of Fifty-fifth Place and Prairie Avenue.

April 4, 1876, Mr. Goetz was married to Miss Minnie Ruehl, who died January 3, 1890, leaving no children, but deeply mourned by her husband and relatives. Mr. Goetz was married the second time to Miss Lena Wachter, daughter of William Wachter, November 5, 1893. Mrs. Goetz was

born November 1, 1861, in Kur-Hessen, Germany, and came to America when she was thirteen years of age and located in Chicago.

Mr. Goetz is a Freemason, having been raised in 1881, in Lakeside Lodge No. 739. He is also connected with Chicago Chapter No. 124, Royal Arch Masons, and Chevalier Commandery No. 52, Knights Templar. He was knighted in 1891. He is loyal to the Republican party and uses his influence and vote in its favor. Mr. Goetz has constructed one of the finest flat buildings in Chicago. It is finished in hard wood throughout its interior, is heated with hot water, and every improvement of the day is found in these well-arranged, comfortable flats. Being a practical mechanic Mr. Goetz took personal charge of the construction of this building.

Mr. Goetz has been many years an employe of the postal department and during the time has had many varied experiences. He has been careful of his means, and though not miserly in any way, has taken pride in accumulating a competence which will make his last days comfortable.

## HENRY OCKENHOLT.

**H**ENRY OCKENHOLT is one of the representative, self-made men who came to America from foreign parts in search of richer fields in which to advance in social as well as financial condition. He began on the lowest round of the ladder and climbed through his own efforts and sturdiness of character, without practical aid from any one. He has amassed a comfortable estate and has a thriving and growing business. His carpet-cleaning establishment is at No. 952 Milwaukee Avenue, and his residence is at No. 363 Division Street.

Henry Ockenholt was born in Denmark, April

14, 1845. He spent his boyhood days on his father's farm and six years in the army of his native country. He came from the army a sergeant, having attended military school at the same time. In 1873 he decided to cast his fortunes with those of the New World and arrived in Chicago in that year. He was employed by John B. Drake, as assistant furniture man in the Grand Pacific Hotel, and was subsequently head man for three years. He was always very faithful and concentrative in whatever he undertook and was a valued employe.

In 1880 he spent some time with carpet con-



cerns, and was occupied thus in various establishments until 1882, when he launched into business for himself on Milwaukee Avenue, since which time he has been at the same business and has an old and reliable name built up for himself and those who will succeed him in the enterprise. Since May, 1898, he has had R. Morrison for a partner, and they employ six or eight people continuously. He has been successful beyond his hopes.

Mr. Ockenholt is an active member of the Society Dania, with which he has been identified twenty years, holding the office of president seven years. He is one of the founders of the Danish Aid and Relief Association and is an influential member of the Danish Lutheran Church, proving that he spends time in preparing for the future, as well as in enjoying this life and laboring for the present. He was a leader of the Sunday School, and is recognized as a stanch pillar of the church. He is also a member of the National Union.

Nothing is more conducive to the spiritual and moral growth and to the success in general of a man than a good and harmonious mind to co-operate with him throughout life. Thus did Mr. Ockenholt make a wise choice in selecting Miss Bertha Wiese for his helpmate and comfort in life. She was born in Denmark and came to America when twenty years of age. They were married in Denmark September 14, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Ockenholt are blessed with only one child, Ida, who remains with them, to brighten their home. She is a graduate of the Wells School and received a medal for her delightfully interesting and instructive essay on the subject of Patriotism. It was filled with many truths which we like to hear, and withal was so pleasing that she and her parents may well be proud of her efforts. She is an honor to her name and a comfort to her parents.

Mr. Ockenholt is independent in his local vote, but upholds the candidates of the Democratic party in national affairs.

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## FREDERICK WEYER.

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**F**REDERICK WEYER was born December 5, 1838, in the village of Hohenfeldt, Prussia, and is a son of Frank and Mary Weyer. He is a well-known and loyal citizen of his adopted country. Frederick Weyer came to America when still very young and sought the advantages of a free country, where there were but few of his friends.

His brother, Jacob Weyer, emigrated from the land of his birth in 1851, and landed in New York. Frederick Weyer reached New York July 5, 1853, and started in life at the barber's trade, in the employ of Philip Schintz, on Greenwich

Street. He remained in the employ of Mr. Schintz until he came to Chicago, in May, 1855. This was then but a small city and its subsequent growth was foreseen by few. He entered the employ of Jacob Manz, on Wells Street, near Randolph, and, after four years in this service, opened a business of his own on Fifth Avenue, near Randolph Street. He had but one chair when he started, conducting the business entirely alone. He was subsequently located at different points down town, and continued the business until 1887, since which time he has been practically retired.

Mr. Weyer's son, Henry, succeeded to this business and Mr. Weyer assisted him at times, but has since been retired from active business life. He was married in May, 1868, to Miss Louisa Platka, who was born February 15, 1847, in Dolton, Illinois.

Henry Weyer was born May 1, 1861, on Clark Street, in Chicago, and was educated at the Jones School, which he attended until 1876. He entered his father's barber shop at this time and has continued at this occupation since that time, taking charge of the business at a later date. He remained located at No. 413 Clark Street until 1893, when he removed the same to No. 5542 State Street, and has remained at this location since that time. He was married March 29, 1885, to Miss Nettie Seib, daughter of Carl Seib.

Mrs. Weyer is a pleasant, genial lady, and is a native of Ainesville, Indiana, where she was born January 21, 1851.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weyer are two in number, Henry Frederick Alonzo, born April 16, 1886, and Augusta Anna Katharine, born May 13, 1888. Henry Weyer is independent in his political views. Frederick Weyer was father of another son, Joseph, whose name heads an article on another page of this work.

Frederick Weyer is a member of the German Order Harugari, Lodge No. 367, and is a valued and honored member of the German Lutheran Church. He votes in favor of the Republican party in national affairs, and in local politics votes in favor of the man best fitted for office.

## JENS RASMUSSEN.

JENS RASMUSSEN is a native of Fyen, Denmark, and was born July 30, 1848. His parents were Rasmus Henriksen and Abeline Maria, who had eight children, the subject of this sketch being the youngest. Both parents were born in Fyen, in the same year, 1801, and both lived until the ripe old age of eighty-two years, when they passed away in their native town. All of their children grew to maturity and are widely scattered, four still residing in Denmark, one in Nebraska, two in Wisconsin, while Jens Rasmussen has been a citizen of Chicago many years.

Mr. Rasmussen was reared and educated in his native town, where he also leagued the business which he has ever since followed, that of a practical tailor. He served three years as an apprentice without compensation except his board. After completing the term of his apprenticeship

he went to Copenhagen and followed his trade a short time. He came to America in 1870 and went first to Racine, Wisconsin, where he remained one year, and then came to Chicago and immediately secured employment at his chosen trade. Three years later he visited his native home and spent about nine weeks with his parents. He has a unique and enviable record as an employe, having been continuously in the service of one firm for twenty years.

He was married in 1875 to Miss Anna Johanna Christiensen, who was born in Gellinger, Jutland, Denmark, and came from her native land to Chicago in 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen have seven children, all living. They are: Mary, William, Olga, Lillie, Edward, Louis and Henry.

In 1882 Mr. Rasmussen purchased the house at No. 297 West Chicago Avenue, in which he was married, and where he now resides. His



sterling qualities are shown in the fact that he has made a home for himself and family by his own efforts, and for almost twenty-four years been a householder in the city. Here he has reared his large and interesting family, and it is fair to promise that here he will end a prosperous and useful life.

Mr. Rasmussen is a valued member of the

Danish Benevolent Society, and is also connected with the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America, and the Knights of Honor, and for ten years was associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is independent in his political views and supports the candidate he thinks best qualified to faithfully discharge the duties of official station.

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## FREDERICK HEIMERDINGER.

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**F**REDERICK HEIMERDINGER, one of Chicago's most energetic and representative citizens, is an old and faithful employe of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, and is a man of remarkable character and physique. He was born August 23, 1840, and belongs to that sturdy race of people whose men are bound to succeed and who come to America for the purpose of bettering their financial as well as social standing, and who nearly always further their desires. His parents were George and Kate (Helmeier) Heimerdinger, and resided in Germany all their lives.

Carl and John Heimerdinger, brothers of the man whose name heads this article, came to America in 1851, and their success induced Frederick to emigrate in 1861. He located in Cleveland, Ohio, and was employed in a brewery in that city ten years, having become familiar with the business in his native land. In 1871 he removed to Chicago and spent two years employed in Gottfried's brewery. After seven subsequent months in McAvoy's institution of a like nature, he was one year in Seipp's brewery. Since that time he has been with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, where he began transferring grain. He was made

watchman in the yards at Englewood and is occupying that position at the present time, having been with the company for a period of nineteen years.

Conducive to the happiness, success and general welfare of a man is a genial, helpful and harmonious mind in his life companion. Such is the character of the lady Mr. Heimerdinger was so fortunate to become united with, their marriage being celebrated October 24, 1865, Mary Fullmer becoming his wife. She was born November 24, 1847, and her parents died when she was a mere baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Heimerdinger became the parents of ten children, of whom brief mention is made as follows: Kate, born November 24, 1869; Mary, born July 5, 1870, died at the age of nine months; Frederick, born January 31, 1873, lived to the age of twelve years and seven days; Charles, born January 31, 1872, lived nine weeks; George, born October 16, 1876; Mamie, born May 9, 1879, died at the age of three years and nine days; Charles born September 16, 1881; William, born March 16, 1885; Violet, born July 6, 1887, and Myrtle, born May 2, 1890. The family is a very interesting one and the children are an honor and credit to the name they bear.

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CHRISTEN RASMUSSEN.

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**C**HRISTEN RASMUSSEN, who is among the retired business men and the prominent and highly respected citizens of Chicago, was born July 24, 1841, at Sunderved, Schleswig, at that time a part of Denmark. He is a son of Christen and Katharine (Jacobson) Rasmussen, who were both natives of the section where their son was born. They died at the ages of ninety and sixty years respectively. The father survived his worthy wife thirty years, and died January 12, 1892. At this time his son, Christen, was on a visit to his native land, but did not reach his father's home until after the latter was gone. Christen Rasmussen, the father, was a skilled mechanic and wood carver, also being an efficient gun-maker. He retained his faculties until the day of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Christen Rasmussen were the parents of four children: Anna M., widow of Johann Ropeke; Katharine, Christen and Jacob. The grandfather of Christen Rasmussen, whose name was also Christen, lived till a very old age, reaching his eighty-first year.

Christen Rasmussen, whose name heads this article, was reared and educated in the land of his nativity, where he learned the trade of a shoe-maker and followed the same for many years with great success in Denmark. He was married in his native town, to Miss Ellen, daughter of Christian and Ellen (Jessen) Dreier, natives of Denmark, where they both lived and died. Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen sailed from Denmark on an Allen Line steamer, July 28, 1871, traveling by

way of Quebec, and arrived in Chicago August 18, 1871. They arrived just before the great fire of that year, and Mr. Rasmussen was employed at his trade by Solomon Marks, on Canal Street, and resided on Milwaukee Avenue, and therefore escaped damage from the fire. He had been in the employ mentioned but six months when he was promoted to the position of foreman, and continued in the same capacity for four years, proving himself a competent and skillful workman and one worthy of consideration.

In 1876 he became established in a business for his own interests in South Englewood, and continued successfully about ten years. At the same time he conducted a grocery store and post-office, having been appointed postmaster by President Arthur, January 26, 1883. He served in this capacity until November 16, 1890, when he retired from business. In commercial and business life he was a just dealer, popular with all, polite and attentive to all with whom he dealt, and to these qualities he owes his success. He is enjoying the fruits of his labor, taking advantage of his well-earned rest from the cares and trials of a business life.

Mrs. Rasmussen is a woman of strong character, having always proved herself a great assistant to her husband and a helpmate in the full sense of the word. Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen are well known in South Englewood, where they have many warm friends. Mr. Rasmussen has an untarnished reputation as a business man, and an aid in all enterprises which would tend to up-



lift the minds of his fellow-men and benefit the community. He has never been even a local politician, but has always exerted his wide influence in political affairs for the interest of the Republican party. His opinions are much sought on all local or national conventions.

Mr. Rasmussen has invented several articles which have proven of value to mankind, among which is a folding chair, which can be made into a very comfortable piece of furniture, in the

shape of a reclining chair. He is now engaged in perfecting and has applied for a patent on a hood which may be attached to any stove or pipe, to draw away any odors generated in cooking. It is simple and easily constructed, and will prove of great value to house-wives. In 1891-92 Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen enjoyed the pleasures of a visit to Europe, spending seven months abroad, visiting old friends and the familiar scenes of his childhood.

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## CHARLES J. STANG.

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**C**HARLES JOHN STANG, a skillful workman and intelligent and progressive citizen of Chicago, is a native of the city, born September 22, 1858, at the corner of Fourteenth Street and Fourth Avenue (now Custom House Court). Extended mention of his parents, Frederick and Fredericka Stang, will be found on another page of this volume.

The subject of this sketch received his primary education in the Haven School, and subsequently attended a German Lutheran school. At the early age of fourteen years he began the battle of life, and his early experiences developed those qualities of character which make the successful American. It is the boast of this country that any man can make something of himself financially, morally and socially, if he adopts the right course. Mr. Stang has been industrious and attentive to the march of improvement, and is, therefore, posted in all matters relating to his trade, as well as the affairs of the nation and the world.

His first business employment was in the capacity of cash boy in the retail store of Marshall Field & Company. After one year of this employment, he served a like period with Dickinson & Skinner, wholesale commission dealers.

During the next six years he was employed by E. J. Riley, an upholsterer, the early portion of this service being devoted to the acquirement of a mastery of the upholsterer's art. He next engaged with Gannon & McGrath, with whom he continued two and one-half years, after which he took charge of Mr. Riley's workshop for a period of one year and again entered the employ of Gannon and McGrath. He was four years with Deimel & Brothers, nearly a year with Taylor & Meltousch, during which time he was in charge of their shop, two years with R. Diamond & Brothers, two with J. S. Wilkins & Company, and five years with their successors, T. L. Sloan, Divinnie & Company. At present writing he is in the service of the Chicago Carpet Company, being one of its most useful artisans. The long periods spent with the same employers prove the integrity, industry and ability of Mr. Stang. The workman who aims to keep abreast of the times must have opportunity to observe the methods of different shops, hence Mr. Stang has made many changes at his own option, in order to secure this obvious advantage.

October 29, 1880, he was married to Miss Minnie Schwartz, who was born in Chicago

February 13, 1859, and is a daughter of Louis and Lena (Dietloff) Schwartz, of German birth. They came to Chicago in 1856. Mr. Schwartz was drowned in Lake Michigan April 23, 1885, and his widow now resides on Wentworth Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Stang became the parents of three children, born and christened as follows: July 3, 1881, Lillian (died June 3, 1886); July 26, 1887, Marie Louise Johanna; December 22, 1889, Arthur Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Stang were reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and remain true to this faith, but now attend the services of the Oakland

Union Church. Being of a social and genial disposition, Mr. Stang has become popular with the members of Court Apollo No. 96, Independent Order of Foresters, of which he is a member, and is at present its financial secretary, having passed all the official chairs. In matters of public policy, he adheres to the principles of the Republican party. He is thrifty and ambitious, and has built a handsome residence on Rhodes Avenue, near Sixty-fourth Street, where he has been living since 1888. With a congenial and faithful helpmeet, a lady of intelligence and refined character, his home is a happy one.

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## HENRY M. SCOTT.

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**H**ENRY MEAD SCOTT, justice of the peace, in the town of Harvey, Illinois, is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was born August 2, 1842. He is a son of one of the foremost lights of that city's legal profession, John L. Scott, who stood high as a lawyer, in a city noted for its men of forensic ability and legal attainments. His long and successful career at the bar was closed only at his death, which occurred in 1860. Those familiar with the men whose voices were strong in the great questions that culminated in civil strife will readily recall the name of John L. Scott, of Cincinnati. His widow has survived him for nearly forty years and now resides with her son at Harvey, where she is widely and most favorably known.

The boyhood of Henry M. Scott was passed in the city of his birth, acquiring an education in the common branches, supplemented with a course in a commercial school. It was intended that he should take a full college course, but the death of his father demanded a material change in his plans. He found it necessary to become an earning factor and took a position under the

then most prominent insurance man of the Ohio Valley, J. B. Bennett, general agent of the Ætna Insurance Company. Here he remained for some years, when, in 1866, he joined the westward migration and spent some time in the states of Missouri and Illinois. For ten years subsequent to 1870 he was engaged in general merchandising at McLeansboro, Illinois, after which he took charge of the collection department of the firm of Hoover & Gamble, extensive manufacturers of harvesting machinery at Miamisburg, Ohio. While traveling in connection with that work, he learned of Harvey and its promising future and decided to cast his lot with its citizens. In October, 1891, he engaged in the then attractive business of dealing in Harvey real estate, to which he has since added insurance, and his books show a choice line of risks carried for the Pennsylvania of Philadelphia and the Prussia National, of Stettin, Germany.

In April, 1897, he was chosen justice of the peace and to-day is doubtless the most popular administrator of justice in the community. An active Democrat and a firm believer in the doc-



trines of his party, he takes a liberal view and is fully abreast with the spirit of the times. Mr. Scott was married in 1871, at McLeansboro, Illinois, to Miss Lilly Walcott. They have one daughter, Mary Rankin, a graduate of the Harvey High School and a popular member of society.

In company with other genial spirits, Mr.

Scott has become a fancier and breeder of homing pigeons, and has a choice number of species of birds in his flock. Endowed with the qualities of head and heart that attract people, Mr. Scott has hosts of friends who are true, and recognize in him a man of honesty of purpose and true nobility of character.

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## JOHN LEGGATE.

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JOHN LEGGATE, past commander of Gen. Silas Casey Post No. 555, Grand Army of the Republic, is an eminently respectable gentleman, and one of the best-known men in the southwestern part of the city. Of a character as rugged as the hills of his native Scotland, he has made an impress for good upon the locality in which he has lived for more than a third of a century, that will long survive him. He was born September 15, 1841, a son of John and Eliza (Fleming) Leggate, natives also of the "Land of Heather and Thistle." They came to America in 1848, settling first in New York City. In 1854 they removed to London, Ontario, and two years later came to Chicago.

In the public schools of New York John Leggate, junior, received all the education that he was privileged to obtain. Before reaching his majority he had become proficient as an engineer, being thus occupied in August, 1862, when he enlisted in Company D, Eighty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Four days later he was sent to Louisville, Kentucky, his regiment being in Willichs Brigade, Dunham's Division of General Buell's Army. In the campaign that followed was fought the battle of Perryville, in which he participated, receiving there his baptism of fire. Subsequently his regiment passed to General Rosencrauz's command, which was engaged

in some of the hardest fighting of the war. Among the battles which followed, in which he was personally engaged, may be mentioned Stone River, Liberty Gap, Tullahoma, Chickamauga, at which last-named battle a bullet ploughed its way across the lower part of his face, when in a hand to hand struggle at quarters so close that the powder from guns burned the faces of men on either side of the conflict. His regiment suffered terribly in that fight, serving then in the Twentieth Corps under General McCook.

The army then fell back to Chattanooga, and a little later fought the sanguinary battle of Mission Ridge, losing heavily again. Then under General Sherman he went with his command to the relief of Burnside, who was "bottled up" at Knoxville, and the following winter was kept busy looking after Gen. Joe Wheeler's cavalry, which was a source of great annoyance to the Union Army. The following spring they were in Georgia under Sherman. At Rocky Face Ridge he was quite severely wounded, incapacitating him from duty and causing him to be sent to the hospital. When he recovered he rejoined his regiment, before the battle of Kenesaw Mountain was fought, and took part in that engagement. He subsequently fought at Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro and Lovejoy. At Chattanooga the Twentieth and the Twenty-first

Army Corps became consolidated, forming the Fourth Army Corps, which was commanded by General Granger.

After the fall of Atlanta Mr. Leggate became attached to General Thomas's army, which was sent after Hood's army, the latter operating at the time to the Northward. That worthy and his army were overhauled at Franklin, Tennessee, where was fought one of the most stubborn battles of the war. This was followed by the battles of Columbia and Nashville, which completely annihilated the rebel army. In these battles Mr. Leggate was personally engaged and at Nashville received his third wound, landing him again in the hospital, where he remained until February, 1865. At this date he received a furlough and was sent home. He was mustered out of his regiment in June, 1865, being discharged as corporal.

Upon his return to civil life he settled in Chicago, where he has since lived. For eighteen years he held the office of justice of the peace, which length of time in the position attests his

marked ability in conducting the duties of the office. For a period of four years he had charge of the electric plant in the Chicago Government Building, and for a number of years he was central committeeman of his district. He is a staunch Republican, and ardently advocates his party's principles of governing. He is a valued member of Richard Cole Lodge No. 697, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a charter member and was the first commander of Silas Casey Post No. 555, Grand Army of the Republic.

John Leggate was united in marriage September 15, 1870, to Miss Nancy McKay, who has borne him the following children: Rebecca; Agnes, wife of James Bain, and Eliza.

Mr. Leggate and his family are members of Brighton Park Presbyterian Church, of which for many years he has been ruling elder. As a man, Mr. Leggate has lived consistently with the highest requirements of life. Temperate in all things, just in all his dealings, courteous and charitable, his well-ordered life is worthy of emulation.

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## JOSEPH C. LEONARD.

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JOSEPH CURTIS LEONARD was born October 31, 1840, in Manchester, England, and is a son of Thomas Leonard, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this work.

Joseph C. Leonard was at school until he reached the age of thirteen years and was then three years employed in a grocery store. He came to Chicago in 1860 and went to Green Bay, Wisconsin, shortly after his arrival in the city. He went to Boston, Massachusetts, and spent one year, but May 6, 1862, he returned to Chicago and was employed by H. O. Maynard, an extensive hat dealer at No. 66 Lake Street.

He there learned hat cleaning and pressing, as he was with Mr. Maynard three years. In May of the year 1865 he enlisted for one hundred-days service in the army and was placed in Company K, One Hundred Thirty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted May 13, 1865, and was discharged October 1, 1865. He was sent on reserve business and did service in Kentucky and Missouri. On his return from the war Mr. Leonard entered the employ of D. A. Hughes, located at the corner of Monroe Street and Wabash Avenue, being occupied at his trade with this concern five years. Since December 20, 1879, he has been identified with D. B. Fisk



& Company, located at No. 103 Wabash Avenue. For the past twelve years he has had charge of the pressing department, being well posted in every detail of that portion of hat making or cleaning.

Mr. Leonard was made a Mason in William B. Warren Lodge No. 209, in 1876. He has never sought public office, but is loyal to the principles of the Republican party and upholds the candidates at all times.

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## ERDMANN HOFFMANN.

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**E**RDMAN HOFFMANN. Among the most prominent and sturdy citizens of the United States are many who were born in the Fatherland and came to this country to better their financial as well as social standpoints in life. Often our most influential politicians are of German parentage and make the best statesmen and rulers for the people. Erdmann Hoffmann was born August 29, 1835, in the town of Ketschdorf, Germany. His parents were Carl and Charlotta (Weiss) Hoffmann and were highly respected among their friends and acquaintances.

The maternal grandfather of Erdmann Hoffmann was a follower of the tanner's trade and was very successful in his occupation. Carl Hoffmann was born June 2, 1810, and died in the year 1856. He was a maker of saddles, and was twice married. His first wife, mother of the man whose name heads this article, was born November 28, 1818, and died in 1840. She was the mother of Erdmann and Louisa. The latter died at the age of two years. The second wife of Mr. Hoffmann was Miss Theodora Meuntzel and her only child was named Julius.

Erdmann Hoffmann was the only one of his father's family to emigrate from his native land and reached Chicago April 2, 1860. He was apt at the trade of a harness maker and at once became employed by Gustav Leverey, who was located on Randolph Street. In 1861 he established a business for himself on Archer Road, near Halsted Street, with Frederick Weiderman for part-

ner. After three years he changed his occupation and opened a catering establishment on Blue Island Avenue, near Taylor Street, which he conducted two years. He subsequently took up the business of life insurance, handling policies in this line until 1872, when he started in the harness business on Sigel Street. In 1880 he located a harness shop at No. 105 East North Avenue, but after three years changed the location of his business to No. 113 of the same street. After five years he retired from active business life and has been occupied at intervals with general work.

Mr. Hoffmann was married November 29, 1861, to Miss Marie Magdalena Haster, who was born May 15, 1835. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann, of whom only four are still in the land of the living. Charlotta, born October 31, 1862, died August 18, 1863; Julius, born January 11, 1864, died April 11, 1866; Amelia, born November 11, 1865, married John Wagenberger; her second husband is Oscar Thomas Hill and they reside at No. 1087 North California Avenue; Mr. Hill is in the rubber stamp business; Frederick, born July 27, 1867, died November 2, 1891; he married Emma Hager and she died at the age of nineteen years, leaving one child, Robert, who died at the age of one year, January 13, 1890; Minnie was born June 3, 1870, and was married March 17, 1887, to Frederick Kasten, who was born December 23, 1868; they have three children: Louis L., born August 24, 1888; Harry, December 13, 1892, and Julius,

May 6, 1895; Katharine, born March 3, 1872, follows the occupation of a dressmaker and is very successful in the art; Julius and Marie were twins, born February 19, 1874, and lived but four weeks; Julius Edward, born November 8, 1875, married, November 25, 1896, Lilian Grace Hecht, who was born June 26, 1876; they have a daughter, Marion, born July 31, 1898; he is a clerk on the Board of Trade and resides at No. 689 North Park Avenue.

Mr. Hoffmann is a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, of which he has been financial secretary for several years. He is a man of

sterling worth of character, strong in his convictions of the right, and loyal to his religion. He is independent in political matters, voting for the man who, in his own mind, he believes to be best fitted to represent the highest interests of the people. His home is one of happiness, and perfect peace and harmony reign supreme. All are congenial to each other and all work together for the good of those about them. Mr. Hoffmann is a model husband and father and has many friends wherever he goes. He is honorable and upright in business dealings, and just to all dependent on his word and generosity.

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## LOUIS C. E. DOERING.

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**L**OUIS C. E. DOERING, principal of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran parish school, has been identified with the educational interests of Chicago for nearly thirty years. He was born April 3, 1852, in Oldenburg, capitol of the Grand Duchy of the same name, Germany, and is a son of Conrad E. and Caroline (Mueshlmeister) Doering. His father is a prominent man in his native land, having been in the employ of the Government as inspector of public buildings and all matters pertaining to that work. He held this position many years and in March, 1898, retired on full pay.

Louis C. E. Doering is the only member of his father's family who immigrated to America to find a home here. His mother died in Oldenburg in December, 1896. She was the mother of eight sons and one daughter, who is now also deceased, the sons being all living at the present writing. Louis C. E. Doering, of whose life this article treats briefly, is the oldest of the sons. August Doering is following the business of brewing in Rotterdam, being a brew master; Albrecht, who is in Bremen, is a manufacturer of cork

goods, and his business interests extend over the entire globe. Carl Doering is a noted tenor singer, having studied in Berlin, and became famous all over Europe. Ernst, of this family, is also a musician. Gustav and Paul are now residing in London, England, and Theodore, of Hude, Germany, is manager of large chemical works in that city.

Louis C. E. Doering was educated in the college at the city of his nativity, from which he graduated at the age of seventeen years. He was counted among the youngest men that ever graduated from the said college. April 4, 1869, he departed from his home and one day later sailed from Bremen Harbor on the ship "Baltimore," and landed in Baltimore, Maryland, some days later. He remained but a week in this city, however, before he continued his journey to Chicago. After reaching Chicago he was taken sick and was confined to his bed six weeks. August 30 of the same year he secured a position as instructor in a private school which was conducted by W. C. Fricke, now an extensive real-estate dealer. He continued in this



capacity until the last of January, 1871. He was then called upon to fill the position of teacher in the Emanuel Lutheran Church school, then situated on Brown Street, near Taylor Street. He then removed to South Chicago, where he was employed by the Lutheran congregation and spent one year there, after which he became principal of the branch school of the St. James' congregation. The school is situated at the corner of Fullerton Avenue and High Street, and Mr. Doering remained in this position seventeen years. In 1893 he entered upon the duties of instructor at the school of the Trinity Church on the South Side, which duties he continued to fulfill until February, 1896. At this date he accepted his present position, and has so well proven himself worthy of the trust reposed in him that he would be sadly missed should he become persuaded at any time to abandon it for a more profitable one.

Mr. Doering has taken a lively interest in public affairs and in 1892-93 was secretary of the committee of the Lutheran churches organized to oppose the Edwards law, which question was then before the public, and as such did a great deal of splendid work. He is a correspondent for the German paper, *Staats Zeitung*, and several other newspapers. He is a man of fine education, learned in books as well as in practical experience.

He is a typical gentleman, of scholarly attainments, and a musician of more than ordinary skill, having been connected with choirs since the year 1871. He is connected with two choirs at the present time. On Lutherans' Day at the time of the World's Fair he had charge of a chorus of three hundred male voices, and in recognition of his services was presented with a handsome gold watch, suitably inscribed by the male choirs of the Lutheran Churches of Chicago. At the request of his father he assisted the commissioner from Oldenburg and Hanover with the fine exhibition of coach horses at the World's Fair.

July 21, 1874, Mr. Doering married Miss Clara Buenger, a native of St. Louis and daughter of Theodore Buenger, who was for many years a teacher in the city of Chicago. The children of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. E. Doering are five in number: Theodore, Ludwig, Edward, Otto and Paula. To such men as Mr. Doering does the world of to-day owe many of its advantages for the furthering of knowledge and refinement. He is among those who would enjoy the universal education of the common people and the uplifting of all those desirous of becoming fitted to make for themselves a place in the world. He is a true and tried follower of the cause of right and is the promoter of all good to the extent of his power.

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## EDWIN R. MEAD.

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**E**DWIN RIPLEY MEAD, one of Chicago's representative citizens, and a member of the force in the government service, was born June 13, 1859. His parents, George W. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Mead, resided on Dearborn Street, between Van Buren and Harrison Streets, at the time of his birth.

After attending the Jones School until 1871 he

was a pupil in the Haven School one year. He subsequently entered the office of Dr. Hurlbut, remaining in his employ four years. After spending one year as porter in the Wayland barber shop, at the corner of Clark and Washington Streets, he entered the wholesale millinery store of D. B. Fiske & Company, working six months as elevator man, after which he was given a posi-

tion driving a wagon, and was thus occupied five years. He was placed in the packing room and remained fifteen and one-half years. He left this employ to become a postman, which occupation he has followed since.

February 17, 1886, Mr. Mead was married to Miss Emma Jennie, daughter of James and Jennie (Morris) Binga. Mrs. Mead was born June 30, 1860, in Detroit, Michigan. Their only child, Ripley Binga, was born June 25, 1891. Mr.

Mead is a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He was reared a Baptist, his parents being members of that denomination. He leads a highly worthy life and is a credit to the excellent rearing of his parents. His family appreciates him, and he is of settled domestic tastes, being never happier than when around his own fireside with his small group. Since 1895 Mr. Mead has resided at No. 1219 Sixty-seventh Street, and is well known and respected.

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## HERBERT J. TERRY.

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**H**ERBERT JABEZ TERRY. Among the so-called mechanics of the day are many who might better have followed some other occupation and left the work in that line for those who really understand machinery and the art of invention. Of the most skilled and successful mechanics of the city of Chicago at the present time is Herbert Jabez Terry. He is at present occupied with the manufacture of a strictly high-grade bicycle, which is named the H. J. Terry Special. The machine is one of the finest running and most durable on the market and is not to be classed with the usual run of special makes which encumber the market. Mr. Terry understands thoroughly how the wheel should be built and how it should run, and the appearance that will strike the eye of the public. His work gives perfect satisfaction in this line, as it has done before in other interests than the making of bicycles.

H. J. Terry was born April 28, 1850, at No. 49 Gardner Street, Springfield, Massachusetts. His parents were Jabez Carlos and Elizabeth Louise (Wood) Terry. His maternal grandfather was Homer Wood, who was born in Stafford, Connecticut. He died when about seventy-three years of age, in 1860.

Jabez C. Terry, father of the man whose name heads this article, was born in 1813, in Enfield, Connecticut, on Terry Lane. No other families but those of the name of Terry resided at this place, and he lived on a farm until he reached the age of seventeen years. He then went to Springfield, where he entered a blacksmith shop. His bent was toward mechanics, and he was a designer at the age of twenty-five years. In 1863 he entered the button factory of Newell Brothers, as machinist. He later became their designer, and was employed at this concern constantly until the time of his resignation. He is considered one of the greatest designers of the day in the United States and to his genius as an inventor is credited the fact that the Newell Brothers Button factory is the greatest of its kind in the United States, and perhaps in the world. He is at the bottom of its success more than any other man. He invented practically all the machinery which is used in modern times in the manufacture of buttons, and among his inventions is the revolving spirit level, which is so important among the devices of button making.

In 1889 J. C. Terry retired from active life and is at present enjoying the fruits of his former efforts at his pleasant home in Springfield, Mas-



sachusetts. His wife was born May 17, 1818, and they became the parents of six children, of whom two died when very young. Emma Louise resides with her parents. Homer Wood is a maker of buttons, and resides in Springfield. He married Miss Evelina Plumb, and their only child bears the name of Ethel. Henry Jabez is next in order of birth. Frances Augusta married Eugene Gates, a druggist, and lives at Walnut Hill, Massachusetts. Their children are: Ernest, Raymond, Howard and Edith.

Herbert J. Terry attended the public schools of Springfield until 1866 and then became employed under his father's supervision at the button factory of Newell Brothers. He was foreman after his father for a period of six years. He was there until 1875, and subsequently occupied a position at the pistol factory of Smith & Wesson. He was a sub-contractor and remained thus occupied until 1878, when he went to New York City and started a button factory for F. Groat & Company, on Fourteenth Street, and remained until 1880. He invented a special machine for turning buttons from horn, besides seven other machines. His special blanker is of much importance and is an invention which is worthy to bear his name.

Mr. Terry returned to Springfield after leaving New York and manufactured buttons with his brother-in-law as partner, under the firm name of Gates, Terry & Company. He was with Smith & Wesson one year, and subsequently went to Topeka, Kansas, for a short time. His health was

very poor in 1887 and he came to Chicago in hope of improvement. He followed the occupation of painter some time after his arrival, and became occupied with the manufacture of bicycles in 1896. He has always been a very energetic business man, with an eye for the bettering of his financial standing, and in 1896 he saw that there was money to be made in the manufacture of good bicycles. He therefore established a business at No. 6763 South Chicago Avenue, and has since carried on a successful trade with office and shop at this location.

Mr. Terry was married August 9, 1873, to Miss Selina Elizabeth Newton, daughter of John and Harriet (Slater) Newton. Mrs. Terry was born in Eversham, near Birmingham, England, October 29, 1849, and came to America in 1869. She is very talented in music and is a graduate of the Horton Musical College. She is a teacher of music and has great ability in reading. Her family was one of musicians before her time. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Terry are: Edward Herbert, Frank Clarence and Arthur Newton.

Mr. Terry was a member of Hamlin Lodge No. 27, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Springfield, Massachusetts, but is not active in the order at the present time. He is a Republican and has served as judge of election three years. He is a man of high honor and is to be relied upon in business or friendly relation without one doubt. His family is one that holds the respect of all who ever come in contact with its members, and he sustains his name well.

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## ANDREW CHRISTENSEN.

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**A**NDREW CHRISTENSEN. Among the still active and influential men of the city of Chicago who are first on the list of worthy citizens, is Andrew Christensen. He was born

March 16, 1850, in Schleswig-Holstein, Denmark (now Germany). His parents were Andrew and Agnes (Nelson) Christensen.

Andrew Christensen was the first of his father's

family to emigrate from his native land, and arrived in the United States in October of the year 1870. He was an efficient brick and stone mason and worked at his trade in Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa.

He erected his first residence in Chicago, a substantial brick building, near the corner of Thirty-seventh and Dearborn Streets, in 1881. His next residence was near Eighty-fourth and Halsted Streets, built in 1891. His present residence is at No. 7235 Rhodes Avenue, and he still owns the three.

He was married December 31, 1878, to Anna Johnson, daughter of Ely and Anna Matilda (Nelson) Johnson. Mrs. Christensen was born May 2, 1849, in Kloen, Schleswig-Holstein, Denmark (now Germany).

Her children are as follows: Annie Agnes Elizabeth, born November 25, 1880; Katharine Elenora, June 28, 1883; Christian Andrew, November 30, 1884; and Esther May, April 6, 1890.

Mr. Christensen has never taken any active part in public life, and has always found better occupation for his time. He upholds the principles of the Republican party at all times, and is ever ready to argue in its favor. He is a pleasant, genial gentleman, of true Danish type, and is honored and respected by all, possessing the regard and friendship of a large circle. The family is connected with the Danish Lutheran Church, whose house of worship is located on Armour Avenue, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Streets.

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## CHRISTOPH MILLER.

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**C**HRISTOPH MILLER. Among the stanch and highly respected citizens of the town of Thornton is the gentleman under consideration. No man has done more toward the improvement and permanent building of the community than he, and none stands higher in the public estimation, being best loved by those who have known him best. A native of Hanover, Germany, he was born April 17, 1827, and has accordingly passed the threescore and ten years allotted by the prophet.

As a lad he was bound to serve a regular apprenticeship at the carpenters' and joiners' trade and devoted his youthful years most assiduously to the acquisition of the technical knowledge that has been his stay and dependence through many years of energetic and successful life as a contractor and builder. After completing the five years devoted to learning the trade, he continued to work as a journeyman carpenter until

he decided to cast his fortunes in the New World, where many of his early companions had already gone and reported great opportunity for the young man.

Accordingly, in 1854, he crossed the ocean, coming direct to Homewood, then Thornton station, a village in its early infancy, having been started the preceding year upon the completion of the Illinois Central Railroad. He entered upon his career in this country as a builder upon his own responsibility, and for upwards of forty years has devoted himself to the one chosen line of work and in it has reached high standing. With limited means in those early years, he found it necessary to adapt himself to the conditions of the day and suffered those pioneer privations and hardships incident to a new country, but by attending closely to the business in hand and being economical and free from bad habits (that he saw were loadstones to some of his friends), before



long he could realize a progress in financial and business standing. The principles of honesty, frugality and attention to business, adopted and followed in those early years, have been constantly adhered to throughout life and as a result his closing years are passing with a gratification in the way of temporal blessings and a consciousness of the highest esteem of his fellow-men.

Mr. Miller found the companion of his life in the new land, in the person of Miss Mary Peters, a lady of Prussian birth, who as a child came to America with her stepfather, Christian Corsten, who resided at Homewood until his death some ten years since. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Miller consist of: Louis, who is engaged in business in Homewood; Louisa, wife of John Kruse, residing at Homewood; Minnie, wife of Fred

Bierfeld, of Thornton; Linnie, at home; Alvina, wife of John Bierfeld, also of Thornton; Bertha, at home; August and William, carpenters.

Not a partisan, Mr. Miller has chosen to cast his suffrage for men rather than for party. His choice, however, has been with the winning party during presidential elections from Lincoln to McKinley. Reared in the faith of his fathers, Mr. Miller has ever been a consistent member of the German Evangelical Church and has attempted to do his share in support of the gospel, and by profession of principle and practical example has sustained and honored the faith he professes. Possessed of the finer qualities that endear men to each other, he stands to-day, a beloved husband, honored father and respected citizen.

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## HERMAN H. HIRSCHFIELD.

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**H**ERMAN HENRY HIRSCHFIELD, who resides at No. 260 Fremont Street, Chicago, was born in the town of Bleicherode, Province of Saxony, Prussia, July 25, 1830. He is a son of George and Dorothea Hirschfield, natives of the same place as himself. George Hirschfield belonged to an old and prominent Prussian family and was first lieutenant a number of years in the Napoleonic wars. Afterwards he was many years engaged in the milling business in his native town and became wealthy.

Herman H. Hirschfield received a good education in the Lutheran parish school of his native city, and at the age of fourteen was confirmed in that church. He then became his father's assistant, until he emigrated from his native land, locating in the United States. In September, 1847, he took passage on the vessel "Isenstein and Welker," from Bremen Harbor bound for New Orleans, at which city he arrived after

seventy-four days. Remaining in that city a short time he then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and secured a situation as clerk in a shoe store in that city. In the fall of 1849 he returned to New Orleans and spent a few months there, but went back to Cincinnati, where he continued as a clerk until 1855, when the firm he was employed by established a business house in Chicago and sent him here as salesman in the store. After two years in that service he was employed by the city. July 8, 1861, he entered the Chicago postoffice as clerk and so efficiently did he discharge his duties that he was retained until June 1, 1886, when he resigned and engaged in the real-estate business, which he continued up to January, 1898, when failing health caused him to retire from active business. He is naturally a very active and ambitious man and his nature revolts from the quiet of retirement from the business world. Though he may not still be with the

working men of the vast metropolis of the west, his heart is for them and his interest does not lag.

Mr. Hirschfield espoused the cause of the old Abolition party and in 1852 voted for John C. Hale. He was one of the organizers of the Republican party in Chicago and since voting for John C. Fremont has supported the candidates of that party.

March 22, 1855, he married Miss Teresa Wollenhaupt, who was born in Germany, in 1836 and came to the United States in girlhood. They

have five children, all born in Chicago, and are living, namely: Louise, wife of John Ezbel, a commission merchant of South Water Street; Charles; Tracey, wife of Edward Nelson; Mamie, now Mrs. Alexander Schlick; and Herman H., junior, employed in the postoffice.

The members of the family of Mr. Hirschfield are connected with Dr. John's St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and are highly respected by all who come in contact with any of the number.

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## JOHN C. PLAGGE.

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JOHN C. PLAGGE, general merchant at Barrington, Illinois, is a native of Cook County, born November 26, 1855. His parents were George and Elsebein Plagge, the former being a native of Hanover and the latter of Prussia. George Plagge was a shoemaker and settled in Chicago in 1837, his old business stand being at the present corner of Michigan and North State Streets. In 1852 he removed to a farm in Northfield, where he married, and died December 28, 1872, at the age of sixty-six years. His widow survived him twenty years, living until March, 1893.

John C. Plagge worked on his father's farm as a boy, and in his youth for other farmers. He attended the Northwestern University of Naperville, and in 1876 came to Barrington, where two years later he, in company with G. H. Landwehr, began a most successful business career. In five years he became sole owner and has continued to the present time. Starting with limited capital, the attention to details of the business was such that, coupled with a genial and accommodating personality, warm and lasting friends were made and at no time has the business been in any but most prosperous condition.

A full line of general merchandise is carried and the annual business shows from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars profit. Mr. Plagge has not confined his attentions to the store, but other enterprises have found in him a warm supporter and investor. When he has had capital further than his mercantile business demanded, he has kept it in use in his own town and it has doubled, not only to his own profit but to the employment of labor and general advantage. He has been connected with the Barrington Bank of Standman & Company since its organization, either as cashier or as vice president, filling the duties of the latter position at present. He is also a member of the firm of Plagge & Company, dealers in lumber, feed, flour and coal, operating an elevator since 1892, and doing an extensive business in that line. Naehner & Plagge are manufacturers of cheese boxes and dealers in butter tubs and the like. Mr. Plagge also does an extensive fire insurance business, his books showing a fine line of companies, with a choice selection of risks.

Mr. Plagge has been honored many times by the citizens by some position of trust. He successively and successfully filled the offices of village clerk, township clerk, trustee, postmaster



under President Harrison, supervisor, village trustee, and is again elected as supervisor. In whatever position he has been called upon to occupy, he has given the details that attention that insures mastery of the subject and thus the best interests of his constituents have been conserved. An active Republican, he is not an offensive partisan, although he is ever found at the post of duty, whether it be as delegate to party conventions or in its councils as committeeman, or wherever duty as a loyal citizen calls. Known to be soundly honest, he has the fullest confidence of all men, regardless of party lines. No man stands higher as a citizen or business man than does John C. Plagge.

He was married November 18, 1880, to Miss Sophia Nordmeier, of Palatine, Cook County. Their children were: Reuben G., Luella M., Her-

bert J., Nora A., Olive L., Clarence F., Homer Henry, Warren William and Willis Charles, the last-named dying in early childhood.

An earnest, active member of the United Evangelical Church, he is serving as a trustee and is superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is also deeply interested in popular education and has served upon the board of education three years, being its present president. Few men, not past middle age, can review life with greater satisfaction when viewed from the financial and business standpoint, or if looked at as a representative citizen in public life, or from the political, social or religious view. Of strong personality, he is deeply imbued with the vigor and spirit of American institutions and no man has been more alive to the true interests of the community in which he lives.

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## JACOB J. WELKER.

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JACOB JAMES WELKER. Not many people, except those who have had practical experience in the intricacies of the government of a railroad yard, can realize the amount of forethought and responsibility which have been required in securing the safety of the very train they may be riding in on the way to their suburban homes or in taking a trip to another city. Few stop to consider how many men are employed to make the one trip or how much precaution has been taken that this particular train may arrive at its destination safely. A flaw in the work of one man may cause the wreckage of a whole train and much disaster. The engine wiper may fail to report a worn section and the part may break, causing the engine to get beyond the control of its driver. Any man employed by a railroad company shares in the responsibility for the safety of passengers,

and should each and every employe take care that his work is finished properly the consequences will never be disastrous.

Among the trusted and honored employes of railroads in the city of Chicago who have proven their value and responsible strength of character is Jacob James Welker. He was born September 12, 1858, at No. 402 West Madison Street, the house facing Elizabeth Street. His parents were Jacob and Katherine (Haster) Welker. He attended the Skinner, Brown and Hayes Schools, leaving school at the age of fifteen years. He early showed a taste for railroad work, and began as switchman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. In 1880 he was promoted to yardmaster at the company's yards on Western Avenue.

In 1890 he went to work for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, with

which he remained one year. He subsequently entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company as switchman, and in 1892 was made yardmaster at Fordham Yard, which position he still holds.

Mr. Welker was married December 27, 1883, to Delia Crowley, daughter of William and Bridget (McGraw) Crowley. Mrs. Welker was born in Chicago, at the corner of Desplaines and Harrison Streets, January 29, 1860. Her father was born at No. 48 Norton Street.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Welker are:

John, born February 22, 1887, and Frederick William, born October 31, 1889. Mr. Welker is connected with Court Oakland No. 107, Independent Order of Foresters, and is in sympathy with the principles of the Democratic party. He has never sought public favor in the form of an official position, but regards the duty of voting sacred and never fails to perform that duty, which is in itself a privilege. He approves of all that is for the benefit of those about him, and is a mover in all things tending to uplift and elevate mankind.

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## SIDNEY E. LEAMON.

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**S**IDNEY ERWIN LEAMON. In the midst of the beautiful mountains and peaceful lakes to be found in the state of Wisconsin are born many men who chafe in the quiet and uneventful existence to be found in that region. It is natural, then, that they seek new adventures and financial success in the great cities. Many are deceived and enter the gates of the city with visions of wealth, only to find that all is not gold that glitters, and that money does not come without labor of some kind in return. Others strive valiantly and perhaps obtain complete satisfaction, or have their expectations more than fulfilled. Much that is learned in the young days of the fortune-seekers is remembered to their advantage, and their latter days may be influenced for the best by these memories.

Sidney Erwin Leamon belongs to the successful class. He was born July 13, 1861, in Green Lake County, Wisconsin, ten miles west of Wau-pun. He was educated in the beautiful little town of Oakfield, but his home was on the farm of his father until he reached the age of eleven years. At the age of twenty-two years he came

to Chicago, and was at once employed as assistant electrician in McVicker's Theater. The electrician at that time was Frank Gannon, and Mr. Leamon was in his service five years. He was then salesman for William F. Law, wholesale grocer, where he remained two years. Previous to being occupied in the theater building he learned the trade of paper-hanger. After leaving the employ of W. F. Law he was manager for Botsford Manufacturing Company, dealers in pickles and kindred articles. In the spring of 1893 he began contracting at his trade of paper-hanger, in his own interest. At the present writing he has fifteen men employed, and his business lies in all parts of the city, though his customers are principally in the section of Maplewood. He has a shop and residence at No. 1361 Maplewood Avenue.

Mr. Leamon was married July 15, 1888, to Miss Elizabeth Turner (further mention of the ancestry of Mrs. Leamon will be found in the biography of Mark Turner, in this work). Mrs. Leamon was born June 10, 1863, in Hastings, England, and her children are: Walter Erwin,



aged nine years, and Earl Carson, aged four years. Mr. Leamon is connected with Jefferson Council No. 508, National Union. He and his family are attendants of the Reformed Episcopal

Church, in the choir of which his eldest son sings. He is a Republican in his views on general politics, though he did not support the ticket in the last presidential campaign.

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## ROBERT W. RUSH.

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ROBERT WARREN RUSH, an employe of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, was born May 12, 1846, at Williamsburg, Virginia. He is valued and esteemed by his superiors and his energy and ambition to please are appreciated. He attended school in Michigan but one year, which shows that a person of this day and generation can, with patience and long study, obtain an education without the aid of regular teachers, leaving the observant eye to note passing events and benefit thereby. In 1862 he left Virginia, two days after the battle of Williamsburg, as waiter to Lieut. Thomas Johnson. This worthy man was killed in the battle of Charles City in the seven days' fighting before Richmond.

Mr. Rush then entered the service of Capt. J. S. Farroar, of Company B, Fifth Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Captain Farroar was made an invalid and Mr. Rush accompanied him to his home. He later joined the Twenty-sixth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, as colonel, and was sent to New York, where Mr. Rush left his service, going to Lawville, New York, with John O'Donnell, brother of a major in the same regiment. After eighteen months he went to Jackson, Michigan, and was there until May 27, 1867.

He then removed to Chicago and was given charge of the linen department of the old Richmond House, remaining four years thus occupied. He was bell boy subsequently in the old Palmer House, corner of State and Quincy Streets, until

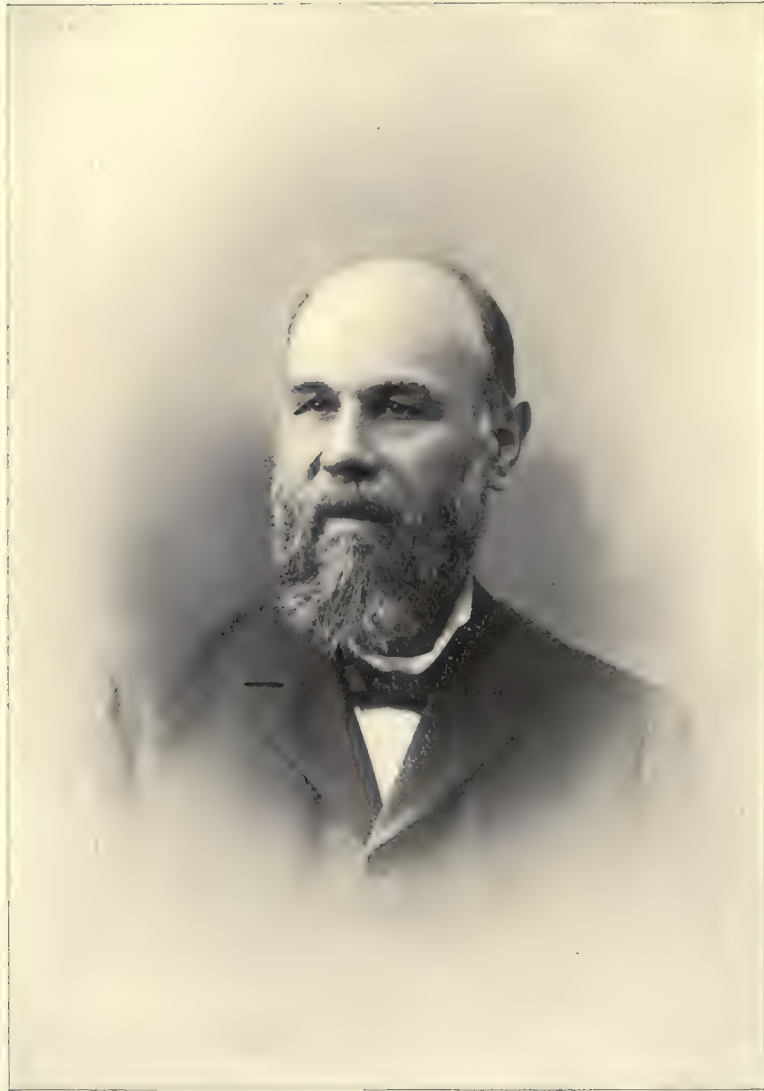
that building was burned in the fire of 1871. He was four months in Wood's Hotel, when he was taken sick and was forced to travel in the south. On his return he held a position in the old Sherman House, which is now the Gault House, one year, after which period he assisted in placing the furniture in the Grand Pacific Hotel, before it was opened. He was private doorman at this building one year, and six years in the private passenger elevator.

It speaks very well for the honesty and integrity of Mr. Rush that he served seventeen and one-half years as train porter for the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, which position he now occupies with the Illinois Central Railroad Company. His run is to Dubuque, Iowa. May 23, 1878, Mr. Rush was married to Mrs. Adelia T., widow of Louis A. Cromwell and a daughter of Matthias T. and Frances (Cooke) Teakle. Mrs. Rush was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1852. Her daughter by her first husband is Alberta Louise.

Mr. Rush is a member of Mount Hebron Lodge No. 29, which he joined in 1874, and is connected with St. Luke's Chapter. He is a consistent member of Olivet Baptist Church. Though never seeking public office, he is loyal to the principles of the Republican party. Being very successful and economical, Mr. Rush was enabled, in the year 1890, to erect a very comfortable residence at No. 1281 Sixty-seventh Street, where he has lived since.

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JOHN W. STOTZ.

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JOHN WILLIAM STOTZ, a retired manufacturer now living at No. 52 Janssan Avenue Chicago, Illinois, is a prominent representative of the successful German business man of to-day. He was born February 4, 1834, in the village of Niederneisen, Dukedom of Nassau, Germany, and is a son of William and Margaret (Lanz) Stotz, of that place. William Stotz was a contractor and passed his entire life in his native land, and died when nearly seventy-eight years of age; his wife preceded him to the other shore, dying when about sixty years old.

John William Stotz received a good education in the schools of his native village, which he attended until the age of fourteen years. After leaving school he entered upon a three years' apprenticeship at cabinet-making, which he learned in his native town. On the expiration of his apprenticeship he started traveling, visiting different cities and working at this trade, perfecting himself in his craft. He went down the Rhine River to Coblenz, on to Cologne, then to Rotterdam, and finally to London, England, having spent a little over a year in the different places. He had arrived at the age when he must return to his native home and enter the army or leave the continent, and he sought a home in America. March 29, 1852, he took passage on the old sailing ship "Yorktown," which carried nine hundred emigrants bound for New York. They sailed through fair winds and a calm sea and made the trip in the remarkably short time of nineteen days.

Mr. Stotz spent a little over two years in New York, working at his trade, and then came to

Chicago, arriving September 4, 1854. He worked three weeks for Jacob Strehl, at No. 47 Franklin Street, and then returned to New York for the implements of his trade. On his return to Chicago Mr. Stotz engaged with Wier & Nickerson, on Lake Street, setting up furniture and taking charge of the furniture department. In 1857 he transferred his services to Marsh Brothers, No. 114 Randolph Street, and remained with this firm until the dissolution of the same, which occurred in 1861, after which time he worked for Charles Tobey. In that year (1861) he started a business under his own name, on the old Nugent property, at the corner of Washington and Market Streets, in a small way. He had few hands and his first work was making tables for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. He carried on the above business, which kept increasing, until the spring of 1863, when he admitted into partnership John Woltz and the firm name became Stotz & Woltz. The establishment was located at No. 96 Indiana Street until 1867, when Mr. Stotz purchased property on Illinois Street and erected a large factory at Nos. 57 to 63, where was carried on the manufacture of furniture, with interior finish and office furniture, doing a large and profitable business and employing from eighty to one hundred men. The fire of 1871 entailed upon the firm a loss of seventy-five thousand dollars, the entire factory having been wiped out.

Before the smoke of the fire had entirely cleared away these energetic characters had started to build a factory fifty by one hundred feet in ground dimensions, one-half the size of the



one burned, and the machinery was started January 4, 1872, and two years later the other part was added, making the building as large as was the one in which the business was first established. The partnership was continued until 1893, when Mr. Stotz bought the share in the business of Mr. Woltz, and the following year disposed of the entire plant, himself retiring to the life of a care-free man.

Mr. Stotz was naturalized in Chicago in 1857, has taken a lively interest in public affairs, and usually supports the interests of the Republican party, having cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has been influential in the councils of his party and was once delegate to the state convention. On the organization of Lake View as a city he was one of the first aldermen elected to represent the Second Ward,

and acceptably served two years. Mr. Stotz is a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Orpheus' Maennerchor. He is also connected with the Chicago Sharpshooters' Society and Senefelder Liederkrantz Society. He is affiliated with the German Protestant Church.

Mr. Stotz was married in 1854 to Miss Caroline Kahl, a native of Hessen, Germany. He has achieved success through honest business methods and is a true example of the self-made man, having come to America a poor young man, and he deserves much credit for the same. In all things pertaining to the advancement of the city's interests he has lent his support. After being many years in business life, he has retired, in the enjoyment of the confidence and respect of his many friends and business associates and acquaintances.

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## EHREGOTT KAESEBERG.

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**E**HREGOTT KAESEBERG was many years engaged in the manufacturing industry in Chicago. He was born in Saxony, Germany, August 9, 1828, and is a son of Adam and Rosamunde Kaeseberg.

Ehregott Kaeseberg was educated in the public schools of the town of his nativity and served a regular apprenticeship at the miller's trade and millwright. In 1852 he sailed from Hamburg in the "Leibnitz," a small boat which carried only one hundred and thirty passengers. Mr. Kaeseberg was married August 27, and the same day sailed for America, arriving a month later in New York. He remained there one month and then, after being occupied for this length of time at his trade, he went to Hartford, Connecticut. In 1854 he came to Chicago and worked at the making of furniture for a time for wages, and soon after began making sashes and doors and

blinds by hand. After six years he put in horse power, and in 1864 he built a factory on the site of his present residence.

Mr. Kaeseberg also invested a part of his earnings in a sailing vessel, which he lost on the lake in a storm, after which he built another. After working alone for several years he formed a partnership with Nicholas Strausser. The fire of 1871 destroyed all his property and he obtained no insurance. After the fire he formed a partnership with Philip Rinn and built on the corner of Division and Crosby Streets. At this number he continued a profitable business and in 1887 he sold his interest to his partner and has since lived in retirement. He has never aspired to public office of any kind and refused to become a candidate for any. He usually supports the Republican party in national affairs, but votes for the man best suited for the office when considering

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EHREGOTT KAESEBERG.

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matters in local politics. He has always given his influence for the advancement of all matters pertaining to the welfare of the city and is truly a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Kaeseberg is a member of Germania Lodge No. 410, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mrs. Kaeseberg was Bertha Niemann and was born in the same city as Mr. Kaeseberg October

21, 1832. They became the parents of three children, but the first-born died in Williamsburg, New York. Those living are: Rosa, wife of Julius Heinemann, of Chicago, and Minna, wife of Theodore A. Stupe, also of Chicago. The members of the family attend and assist in the support of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

## PETER F. BIESEN.

**P**ETER FREDERICK BIESEN is one of the most worthy and well-known citizens of the section of Chicago in which he resides, and has taken this for his adopted home, being now a permanent resident. He was born June 22, 1848, and his parents, Stephen and Mary (Augustin) Biesen, resided at a locality five miles from Berlin, Germany, at the time of his birth.

His paternal grandfather, Peter Biesen, served eight years as a soldier and fought with the Dragoons, under Napoleon, in the Egyptian war. He was of French descent and his children were: Peter, William, Nicholas, Mary and Stephen. The maternal grandfather, John Augustin, married Katharine Meyer, and their children were named as follows: Peter, Katharine, Mary, Margaret, Johann, Marie, Jacob, Emma and Elizabeth.

Stephen Biesen was born October 10, 1810, in Beckingen, Germany. He died in Chicago, November 1, 1875, and his remains were interred in St. Boniface Cemetery. He emigrated with the following children: Nicholas, Mary, Margaret, Katharine, Peter, Eliza and John, arriving in Chicago August 14, 1854. When he first came to the city he made his home on Polk Street, removing later to Dearborn Street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth Streets. He then pur-

chased property at the southwest corner of Dearborn and Twenty-first Streets. There was a cottage built on Custom House Court, between Polk and Taylor Streets, which was removed to his property between Seventeenth and Eighteenth Streets, and later to his property last purchased. It now faces Twenty-first Street and is occupied. He built on the lot on the corner and conducted a catering establishment there. Later he bought a lot at No. 2102, same street, which is still owned by one member of the family.

Stephen Biesen was married in 1839, to Mary Augustin, who was born December 23, 1810. She resides at the old homestead with her son. Her children were seven in number: Mary died November 7, 1854, at the age of fourteen years. Nicholas died January 2, 1865, at the age of twenty-three years. Margaret married Frank Vorhoeven, and resides at No. 2410 Dearborn Street. Katharine married George Welfel and both are deceased, leaving one child, Louisa Elizabeth, who married Edward Orb and is the mother of John P. Orb. Peter F. is the next in order of birth. Elizabeth E. married John Hector, an old settler, a brick layer, and resides at No. 1330 Thirty-third Street. John Adolph, born January 9, 1854, makes his home with his mother.

Stephen Biesen was a ship carpenter in his



native land, and was a government employe, looking after the condition of wharves and tow-paths. He also learned the trade of basket maker and followed this occupation after coming to America, until 1864. He then sold out to J. F. and J. E. Waite, and while conducting a saloon at No. 2100 Dearborn Street, made sidewalks. In 1859-1860 he was street foreman and again in 1868 to 1874, inclusive. He was employed by the city and his family conducted the business establishment until 1884. His widow still resides at No. 2102 Dearborn Street.

Peter Frederick Biesen attended school until he reached the age of fourteen years and remained at home until 1876. He then became a carrier in the postal service, and continued thus until August 1, 1885, when he entered the sidewalk business, which he still conducts, having had H. S. Wheeler for a partner from 1888 to 1891.

He was married June 3, 1876, to Miss Hattie Leota, daughter of William and Mary (King) Reardon. Mrs. Biesen was born at Albany, New York, and came west in 1866. Her parents were born in Ireland. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Biesen was born November 8, 1887, and christened Harriet Frances.

P. F. Biesen is connected with the South Park Council No. 69, Columbian Knights, of which he is a trustee, and Court Apollo No. 96, Independent Order of Foresters. He adheres to the principles of the Republican party, supporting its candidates with vote and argument, using his influence at all times in favor of the party. He was employed as street foreman by the city during 1887 and 1888. In 1892 he erected a residence at No. 6601 Rhodes Avenue, where he has lived since that time. He was reared a Roman Catholic, and is true to the teachings of his fathers.

## PHILIP DIETER.

**P**HILIP DIETER. Among the early German-born citizens of Chicago, was a native of Hessen-Darmsdat, and first saw the light February 16, 1835. At the age of eleven years he came with his parents to Chicago. They soon after removed to Naperville, Illinois, and purchased a farm, which the father continued to till during the remainder of his life.

In 1851, being then in his seventeenth year, the subject left home and went to California, where he engaged in gold-mining, packing freight over the mountains and in building sluices. Having invested his earnings in these latter occupations, they were finally lost by his return to Chicago, in 1860. Here he engaged in the hotel business, opening the Du Page House, at Nos. 190-192 West Randolph Street, which is still in existence. He sold this in 1866, and engaged in

farming in Iroquois County, Illinois, near the town of Clifton. Three years later he returned to the city, and located at the corner of North Park Avenue at Clark Street, where the Relic House now stands. Here he was burned out by the great fire of 1871, and went to Naperville, where he conducted his father's homestead one year.

October 9, 1872, he bought property at No. 12 South Water Street, where for more than a quarter of a century he conducted a restaurant and house of entertainment. His death occurred here December 9, 1897, from the effects of an accidental pistol shot. He was alone in his room at the time and it is supposed that the weapon was accidentally discharged while he was examining it. He had previously been afflicted with paralysis and died from the shock, rather

than from the effects of the bullet, which entered his right groin.

Mr. Dieter was married August 18, 1863, to Miss Helena Bucher, a daughter of John Bucher, who was mayor of his native town for many years. He was the head of the firm of Bucher & Hiller, located at the corner of North Park Avenue and Clark Street, Chicago, the former street being then known as Franklin, when Lincoln Park was a cemetery. His wife, Katharine Bucher (no relative), was a daughter of Theodore Bucher, a prominent citizen of Leugman. Mr. Bucher came to Chicago from Switzerland with his family in 1853. Mrs. Dieter, who was married on her twenty-first birthday anniversary, is the mother of eight sons and six daughters. Six of the former and four of the latter are now deceased. The living are: Edward M., a druggist in Naperville, Illinois; Philip V., who lives with his mother and manages her business, which she has continued since the death of her husband; Helena L., wife of Joseph Birung, a machinist in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, at Burnside; and Mary K., at home with her mother.

At the time of his death Mr. Dieter was the owner of extensive iron mines in Gogebic County, Michigan. He was a charter member of the Alter Wirts Verein of Chicago and was its first treasurer, which office he filled with fidelity twenty years, or until his death. At the end of his first ten years in this position he was presented by the society with an elegant gold medal in recognition of his faithful service. During the week after his death would have occurred the twentieth anniversary of his official service, and the society had arranged to celebrate the event with a social gathering, to which a large number of his friends had been invited, but his death intervened and the event went uncelebrated. He was always an active leader in the Democratic ranks and had the offer of many offices in the gift of his party, but declined all such honors. He was a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church and his remains were deposited in St. Boniface Cemetery. By his persistent industry he amassed a comfortable fortune, and earned the esteem and good will of his acquaintances, who were especially numerous among the German-American citizens of Chicago.

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## REV. THADDEUS J. BUTLER.

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REV. THADDEUS J. BUTLER, who was honored and appreciated by the Pope at Rome, and was loved and respected by a large number of Chicago citizens, was suddenly stricken in the midst of his labors for the welfare of his fellow-men, and died at Rome, Italy, of paralysis, in July, 1897. On the 18th of that month he was to have been crowned with the miter of the bishopric of Concordia, Kansas, and only the day before the news of his death reached Chicago.

Father Butler was one of the most distinguished

clergymen in the west. He was a loyal American, and from the beginning of the Civil War rendered valuable service to the national government. When the news came that Fort Sumter had been attacked by traitors, Father Butler at once took his position in support of the war, which he characterized as "Not unrighteous on our part, for we are to fight for a principle, and principles are worth fighting for, and even dying for." He became chaplain with the rank of captain in the Irish brigade, under command of General Mulligan, which was active in Missouri



and West Virginia. During the terrible week at Lexington, when, harried with hunger and thirst, Mulligan's men faced the overwhelming legions of Price, Father Butler did all in his power to maintain their strength and courage.

He was born in 1833 in Limerick, Ireland, and was a son of John and Mary Butler. The parents were in comfortable circumstances, and took care that their sons were properly educated. They were early designed for the ministry of the Catholic Church, and at an early age the subject of this sketch entered All Hallows College at Limerick. After graduating from this institution he was sent to Rome, where he continued to be a devoted student for five years, and his learning and talents won for him the highest respect of the clergy. He was honored by his fellow students in being chosen as prefect of one of their school divisions, and before he had preached a sermon the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by the church.

While at Rome Father Butler made the acquaintance of Bishop Kenrick, who was there in attendance of the great council of 1854. From that primate he learned much about the United States, and immediately resolved to immigrate to this country. After making a visit to his people in his native place, he took passage for New York in 1855, and immediately upon his arrival proceeded to Baltimore. There he spent a few weeks at the residence of Archbishop Kenrick, and then proceeded to Chicago. The journey was a tedious one, by stage to Pittsburg, and thence by way of river and canal, past Cairo and St. Louis, to his destination. He had one warm friend and fellow-student here in the person of Dr. John McMullen, a native of Chicago.

In 1856 Dr. Butler was made assistant pastor of St. Mary's, the oldest church in Chicago, and professor of theology at St. Mary's College. Upon the succession of Bishop Duggan to the diocese in 1857, Dr. Butler was made his secretary and chancellor. He had learned stenography when only eleven years of age and this, together with his learning and love of music, made him very useful to the bishop and to the church. He was especially useful to old St.

Mary's and succeeded in making the musical portion of its service a function of the utmost attractiveness. He was himself frequently seen in the choir, either as leader or in solo. Meanwhile he preached on nearly every Sunday and in 1859 was made full pastor of St. Mary's. His congregation at that time included Senator Douglas and many other brilliant men.

Dr. Butler was a lover of mankind, and a vigorous hater of the institution of slavery. Even while the municipal authorities debated and postponed raising the national flag over the City Hall, the stars and stripes floated over the Bishop's residence. After Colonel Mulligan's regiment, which was captured at Lexington, had been exchanged, Dr. Butler was assigned to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, but he continued with the regiment and went with it in the spring of 1862 to Harper's Ferry, and remained with its brave commander through a number of engagements in West Virginia. He was among the early members of the Chicago Commandery of the Royal League, and in that patriotic society he was a favorite.

Returning from the field to Chicago, he took up his work as pastor, and also taught theology in the University of St. Mary's by the Lake. By his untiring labors he strained his eyes, and in 1868 he was advised to go abroad for treatment. After visiting London, where he was treated by Sir William Wilde, oculist to the queen, he went to Paris, and later to Berlin. Finally, at Leipsic, Germany, he found treatment which restored his eyes. While in Germany he visited the famous composer, Franz Abt, at Brunswick, and while there his singing of church music and the compositions of his host was warmly applauded by the large circle of musicians clustered at the composer's home. The latter subsequently dedicated four songs to Dr. Butler. On his return from the continent he visited Dublin, and here again his musical ability, both as vocalist and a performer on the violin, made him many warm friends. For seven years, on account of the weakness of his eyesight, he was largely retired from active clerical labors. At the time of the great fire he was still pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Con-

ception. In this disaster, nearly all his library of three thousand volumes was destroyed. He saved a few books by burying them in the ground with his own hands.

In 1876 he was assigned to Rockford, Illinois, where he continued nine years with his brother, Rev. Thomas Butler, as assistant. This he considered the pleasantest period of his whole life. He was very popular with both Protestants and Catholics, and served one year as president of the Rockford public library. Here his musical abilities were highly appreciated, and when the two brothers sang together, as they often did, they provoked great enthusiasm in their audiences.

In May, 1887, he succeeded Rev. John Waldron as pastor of St. John's Church, in Chicago. Here he preached every alternate Sunday, and on

those Sundays when he did not preach he took his place in the choir, and many of the people in the vicinity of this large and popular church, outside of his own congregation, were wont to attend the services. He was master of several modern languages, and when he held services in the Italian language, his church was always packed with the sons and daughters of Italy, to whom he was often of great service. With all his labors, which were conscientiously performed, he still found time for literary diversions and social intercourse. He loved to visit his friends throughout the city, and never denied himself to any who might call at his home. In the death of this warm-hearted and large-brained man, the Catholic Church and the great West suffered an irreparable loss.

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## McROME MORSE, M. D.

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**M**CROME MORSE, M. D., was born in Oswego County, New York, August 14, 1858. His boyhood was passed mainly in the village of Mexico, New York, where he received a fair academic education. Upon commencing life, in his early teens, as clerk in a grocery store, he became familiar with the interesting, though prosaic, details of that line of mercantile life. Deciding upon the medical profession, he entered the medical department of the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, finishing the course with the class of 1883, and receiving the usual degree of doctor of medicine. This was the first class to complete the full three-year course, prior to that year the course requiring but two years.

Entering upon his practice at the thriving manufacturing village of Northville, Michigan, he soon after removed to the northern part of the state, locating at Negaunee, in the mining region, where for six and one-half years he had an ex-

tensive practice among the miners. Wishing a closer touch with the profession in more populous districts, he settled at Harvey on May 6, 1891. Consequently, while there are others in the profession who have practiced nearly as long as he, he antedates them all by several weeks. His practice is of a general character, the conditions precluding a large special practice. In the seven years that he has been active in this community he has made numerous warm friends, both as the result of his skill and success in medicine, and his genial manner and honorable method of dealing with all classes and under all circumstances.

While never an aspirant to public office, the doctor has decided political views, and affiliates with the Republican party. Naturally of a social disposition, he has become more warmly attached to many of his fellow-men by his relations with fraternal societies, including Magic City Lodge



No. 832, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has held the office of treasurer a few years, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Home Forum Benefit Order.

Dr. Morse was married May 19, 1897, to Miss Ala, daughter of S. L. Brown, of Harvey, Illi-

nois. She is a lady of refinement and education, having had some experience as a teacher in the public schools, as well as a teacher of music. She has also taken a warm interest in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with which she is closely identified.

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## FRANK L. WOLVERTON.

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**F**RANK L. WOLVERTON, one of the most skilled and competent machinists in Chicago, and at present with the George A. Fuller Construction Company, has worked on some of the best-known buildings in this city, such as the Masonic Temple, Marquette Building and the Stock Exchange Building. He was born December 25, 1858, in the old Lake House, located at the corner of Rush and North River Streets. His parents were William G. and Elizabeth (Keating) Wolverton, and his paternal ancestors were English.

The grandfather, James B. Wolverton, was born February 7, 1754, in Nova Scotia. He was a lawyer and left for the United States when young and settled in New York state. He was married April 19, 1815, to Miss Mary M. Lammson, who was born October 11, 1797. Her people were farmers near Syracuse, New York. After his marriage he removed to Detroit, and later to Marine City, Michigan, where both he and his wife died, having become the parents of four children. Thomas, the eldest, was born July 9, 1816, and was married October 18, 1838, to Miss Phoebe Scott. He made his home in Saginaw, Michigan, where his family still resides. Jacob L. was born December 5, 1817. He was married October 28, 1840, to Electa P. Androus. He lived in Chicago, and was superintendent of the government ship yards at Chattanooga, during

the Civil War. His son, James, resides on Myrtle Street, Chicago. Elizabeth W., born August 16, 1821, married Edward C. Keating and resides at No. 6065 Edgerton Avenue. James H., born December 20, 1823, was never married, and died when a young man.

The maternal grandfather of the man whose name heads this article, William Keating, died in 1847. He was a traveling salesman until he removed westward to Sandusky, Ohio, and he then located on a farm. At that place he died, having reached the age of seventy years. His wife died at the age of forty-five, about the year 1840. Her children were: Mary, John, Sarah and Elizabeth.

William G. Wolverton was born January 3, 1832. His parents resided at Marine City, Michigan, at the time of his birth, and he died March 17, 1891, and his remains were interred in Oakwoods Cemetery. When a young lad he went out on the lakes and was a sailor until late in life. He was competent on board ship, as well as in all things which he undertook. In 1860, he was made captain of the "Pilgrim," a lumber boat, on which he remained two years. He was then made first mate on the steamer "Susquehanna." He subsequently went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and took charge of transports under the United States Government, occupying this position until the close of the war.

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LOUIS SCHNADEL.

With his brother, Jacob, he purchased the transport "Chattanooga," and after one year on the Mississippi, brought it to the Illinois River and made trips between La Salle and St. Louis, after which they exchanged it for a canal boat on the Illinois & Michigan canal, which he conducted but for a short time. In 1868 he left the water permanently and began contracting for placing heavy machinery. He placed the Twenty-second Street water works and Bridgeport pumping works, and the engines and heavy machinery of the gunboat "Concord," now with Admiral Dewey's fleet. It was then in the Cramps' ship yards. He was contracting in the interest of the Quintard Iron Works, which concern furnished material for the Chicago pumping stations, and operated under the name of William G. Wolverton, contractor.

William G. Wolverton was married June 8, 1855, in Erie, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Wolverton was born April 22, 1835, in New Jersey, and was reared in Sandusky, Ohio. Her children are accounted for as follows: William Holly, born September 12, 1856, died November 23, 1858; Frank L., whose name heads this notice; George B., born October 14, 1860, died October 23, 1865.

Frank L. Wolverton attended private school

a short time, but is mostly self-educated, much of his knowledge being obtained in the vast school of experience. He was with his father until 1889, when he was made foreman of the John Craig Ship Building Company, at Toledo, Ohio, which position he occupied two years. In 1891 he accepted the foremanship of the Chicago Ship Building Company at South Chicago. In March, 1893, he took charge of the machinery in Machinery Hall at the World's Fair. He was there until January 1, 1894. He has since been with the George A. Fuller Construction Company, as before mentioned.

February 24, 1892, Mr. Wolverton was married to Miss Anna, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Frame) Mason. Mrs. Wolverton was born on the present site of the immense store owned by Seigel, Cooper & Company. Her mother now resides at No. 715 Homan Avenue. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolverton November 15, 1894, and was named William Mason. Mr. Wolverton is connected with the Columbian Knights and also the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' Union. He follows the teachings of his forefathers in religious matters. He casts his vote in favor of the candidate representing the Republican party.

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## LOUIS SCHNADEL.

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**L**OUIS SCHNADEL, who lives in retirement, is an old pioneer of Chicago, having been a resident since 1854. He was born December 11, 1826, in Göggingen, Province of Bavaria, Germany, and is a son of Michael and Feronica Schnadel. Michael Schnadel was a watchmaker by trade. They had a family of two sons and a daughter, but all the family is deceased except the man whose name heads this article.

Louis Schnadel was educated in the public

school and at the age of fourteen years began the battle of life, serving a three years' apprenticeship at the tanner's trade. He subsequently traveled extensively in Europe, working in the many large cities as journeyman. May 1, 1854, he took passage at Havre, in the sailing ship "Switzer" and thirty days later was landed in New York. He came directly to Chicago from Buffalo, New York, in which city he settled for four weeks after his arrival in America. While



in Buffalo he worked eleven hours a day for eighty-seven and one-half cents per day. He traveled westward to Chicago for the reason that he could command a salary of one dollar a day, working ten hours. He was with one firm eighteen years, most of this time occupying the position of foreman of the shop. He was a very frugal man always, and saved his earnings, with which he purchased real estate.

In 1855 he married Amelia Fogel, a native of Bavaria. In 1862 he bought property at No. 165 Division Street, and built a house, which was destroyed in 1871, at which time he lost nearly all his possessions in the great fire. He subsequently rebuilt his residence and remained at the same location until 1884, when he sold out and removed to Lake View. He has lived in retirement since 1883.

Mr. Schnadel cast his first presidential vote in favor of Abraham Lincoln, in 1860, and has since that time supported the Republican party, but never sought public favor in the form of an office. Mr. and Mrs. Schnadel became the parents of three children, who are now all deceased. Mrs. Schnadel passed away in September, 1879. In 1881 Mr. Schnadel married Mina Hoffman, a native of Prussia, who came to Chicago in 1880. One child, Amelia, blessed the union of this worthy couple. They are not connected with any particular church, but have a practical religion of their own belief, which is to do to others as they would that others should do unto them. They are prominent, law-abiding citizens and are highly respected and honored by all who come in contact with their genial natures.

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## WILLIAM H. STORMS.

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**W**ILLIAM HARVEY STORMS. Among the members of the well-known family whose name he bears, which has furnished prominent and honored citizens of Chicago, is William Harvey Storms. He was born September 25, 1863, in Lockport, Illinois, and is a son of John L. Storms, of whom appropriate mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

W. H. Storms attended school at Brookline and worked with his father at painting for a time. He served as clerk under Postmaster G. Q. Dow, in Hyde Park, and also as clerk in the drug store of Dr. Dow. He was subsequently employed in the grocery store of W. P. Hutchinson, located on West Van Buren Street. He was a brakeman on the Illinois Central Railroad for a few months, and later was fireman on the Chicago & Alton Railroad. After running two years as

fireman he was made an engineer, and was in the employ of the railroad twelve years. In 1892 he abandoned the service of the railroad, having been on the Kansas City Division principally. During the World's Fair he was employed by Captain Bonfield as policeman on the Exposition grounds, and in 1895 returned to the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company as engineer, running a yard engine for some time. He then made short runs out of the city, after which time he was on a suburban train, and was recently in service on the southern divisions of the line. During the past year he has been employed by railroads to instruct men in the use of the air brake, taking contracts in this line of business.

He was married September 25, 1888, to Miss Harriet Alice Foote, a daughter of LeRoy T.

Foote, of Slater, Missouri. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Storms are named Hazel Irene, Lydia Louise and Bertha.

Mr. Storms is an active member of the Masonic order, affiliating with Jacksonville Lodge No. 570, and Jacksonville Chapter No. 3. He is

also connected with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Though never actively engaged in political affairs he upholds the principles of the Republican party, and his actions are ever in favor of the right and his character is thoroughly established as one of strength and reliability.

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## ADOLPH VAN CLEEF.

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**A**DOLPH VAN CLEEF, who is city salesman for Simon Hasterlik, is one of the most worthy and esteemed citizens of Chicago. He was born April 19, 1848, on Lepel Street, in the city of Antwerp, Belgium. His parents were Noah and Bloom (Vander Heim) Van Cleef. His paternal grandfather was the father of eight children and his maternal grandfather, Abraham Vander Heim, was the father of the following children: Solomon, Levi, Eleaser, Aaron, Herman, David, Bloom, Lottie and Rosette. Mr. Vander Heim was descended from a long line of jewelers, being of that profession himself, and was born in Amsterdam.

Noah Van Cleef, who was a diamond cutter, was born in 1815, and died in 1849. His wife survived him until 1858, dying at the age of forty-seven years. Her children were: Charles, Felix (who died in Paris at the age of twenty-one years) and Adolph.

Charles Van Cleef was the first of his father's family to emigrate from his native land, and he reached New York April 2, 1865. He traveled straight through to Chicago, and has resided here ever since. Adolph Van Cleef sailed from Liverpool September 21, 1865, and reached Chicago October 10 of the same year. He had learned the art of lens making in his native land, but abandoned it on coming to America.

He obtained employment in the dry-goods house of Schoenfeldt Brothers, located at the

corner of Kinzie and Clark Streets. After one year he took charge of the place of Lannert Salle, at No. 100 Madison Street, being thus occupied two years; for four years subsequently he managed the extensive billiard hall of Brunswick Brothers on Washington Street. He was subsequently manager of a similar place on Randolph Street, and then had charge of the dancing hall owned by Henry Klare three years. He had complete charge of the billiard hall of the Tremont House six months, managed the business of L. Treulich, at "The Tivoli," on State Street, three years and then opened an establishment of his own on Canalport Avenue. He subsequently had charge of the Peerless Club House one year and then conducted a catering establishment at the corner of Johnson and Twelfth Streets two years. He was located in the same business at No. 55 Blue Island Avenue for five years and one year at No. 179 Blue Island Avenue. He has for two years been city salesman for Simon Hasterlik, a wholesale dealer, being a trusted and valued employe.

February 21, 1876, Mr. Van Cleef was married to Miss Maria, daughter of Abraham and Eva (Seidel) Pollak. Mrs. Van Cleef was born in Bohemia, June 26, 1850, emigrating from her native land in 1875. Her children are five in number. Noah was born December 13, 1876, and is bookkeeper for Winkler & Klein, at Nos. 200-202 Madison Street. Maxine, born December 15, 1878, is shipping-clerk for the Tro-



Jan Shirt & Collar Company, located at Nos. 193-195 Adams Street. Felix, born February 28, 1881, is advertising manager for Marshall Field & Company's wholesale store. Paul, born July 27, 1883, is attending his second year at high school. Eugene, born January 17, 1887, is in the seventh grade of the grammar school. Emil, born October 7, 1888, died June 30, 1895.

Mr. Van Cleef is connected with Court Concord No. 59, Independent Order of Foresters, of which he is Past Chief Ranger. He is not devoted to any special party in political matters, but is independent in his views, voting for the man rather than for the party. He is a follower of the religion of the Israelites, being withal, a very worthy and estimable man.

## WILLIAM WILSON.

**W**ILLIAM WILSON is among the most successful and prominent of contracting stone-cutters in Chicago. He comes of a very old Scotch family and is as sturdy and hearty at all times as the typical Scotch Highlander is famed to be. He was born September 3, 1843, in Greenock, Scotland, and his parents were Alexander and Margaret (Anderson) Wilson. His paternal grandfather was John Wilson and was for thirty years a stone-cutter, being in the employ of one concern all this time. He was the father of three daughters, one of whom was Margaret, and Alexander was the only son. The family is known to have been one consisting of stone-cutters.

The maternal grandfather of William Wilson was John Anderson and his one son, William, located in Australia, while one of his daughters, Ann, never emigrated from her native land. Alexander Wilson, the father of the man whose name heads this article, immigrated to America in 1848 and located in New York. He remained there two years before sending for his family. He was a stone cutter and was employed by John Wright and the firm of Morgan & Anderson, the former being in New York and the latter in Brooklyn. He was foreman for these concerns. In 1864 he came to Chicago and for three years was foreman for Howison, Atkinson & Barnsowl,

after which time he established a business on his own account with John Gibson as partner. They located at the corner of Jackson and Franklin Streets and conducted a profitable and successful trade from 1866 to 1869. Mr. Wilson subsequently accepted a position as foreman again, remaining occupied in that capacity until 1872. He then joined with John Newcomb and the firm name became Wilson & Newcomb. After two years he secured the position of foreman on the government postoffice and received a percentage. He was employed by the contractor John Miller. Mr. Wilson then retired until the opening of the shops of the Pullman Palace Car Company and was employed by this company as foreman of the stone-cutters under Superintendent R. E. Moss, occupying the position two years. This was the last actual work that Mr. Wilson ever did which could be called manual labor. He later contracted for the building of Grace Episcopal Church and the stone cutting on the Grand Pacific Hotel, under the supervision of Patrick Fanning. Mr. Wilson died November 15, 1895, and his remains were interred in Oakwoods Cemetery. He was born September 11, 1809, in Glasgow, Scotland, and was a Master Mason at the time of his death. He was connected with the Presbyterian Church and was a Republican in politics.

Mrs. Alexander Wilson was born in Greenock,

Scotland, and died August 3, 1863, at the age of fifty-four years. Her children were named as follows: James, John, Elizabeth, Alexander, William, Margaret, Annie and two others of whom record is not obtainable. Alexander served in the Civil War, in the Sixth Alabama Regiment, and was killed in the service. Margaret was married to Robert Sime and lived in Chicago. She was the mother of seven children. After the death of Mrs. Sime, Mr. Sime married her sister, Annie.

William Wilson, the man whose name heads this article, attended school until he reached the age of eleven years. He subsequently went to night school at every opportunity and began life for himself by becoming employed in the rope works of Mr. Ramsey, in Greenock, Scotland. He was next in Albany, New York, where he remained one year, at the end of which time he entered the employ of John C. Feltman, manufacturer of mail bags. He then became interested with Hugh Young, in stone-cutting in New York. Mr. Young has now one of the largest yards in Chicago. Nine months later Mr. Wilson began work in the interest of Grant & Short, in East New York. He remained thus occupied two years, at which time he had finished learning the trade and began journeyman work at the same. July 29, 1864, he reached Chicago and

continued with John Howison three years. During this time he was sent to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to assist in the erection of the passenger station of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which occupied him three months. His work was subsequently with his father, being with him practically all the time the latter was engaged in the trade of stone-cutter. For eighteen years Mr. Wilson was at different times in the employ of the Pullman Palace Car Company. Two years he was contracting with Alexander McLaughlan. He is a man of much ambition and his work has been principally in Pullman. He erected a residence at No. 7327 Langley Avenue, in 1873, and has since been located at this number.

Mr. Wilson was married March 25, 1881, to Miss Lena Singen. She was born in Germany and had no children. Mr. Wilson was married the second time to Rose Minman, September 24, 1892. Mrs. Wilson is a daughter of John and Lena (Schultz) Minman. Mrs. Wilson was born March 13, 1856, in the village of Popenhagen, near Berlin, Germany. She came to America when she was twelve years of age. Her children are Bertha Eliza and Alexander.

Mr. Wilson was made a Master Mason in Kensington Lodge No. 804, in 1892. He is not active in politics, but casts his vote in favor of the Republican candidate at all times.

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## WILLIAM PFAU.

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**W**ILLIAM PFAU, who is one of Chicago's most skilled blacksmiths and prominent citizens, was born March 18, 1842, in West Prussia, and is a son of John and Henriette (Seiburg) Pfau. His grandfather, Adam Pfau, was the parent of the following three children:

Gottlieb, John and Henriette. His maternal grandmother, Amelia Seiburg, lived to the advanced age of eighty-eight years, and her children were: Carl, Fritz, Henriette and Lena.

John Pfau, father of the man whose name heads this article, was born in September of the



year 1807 and died in 1874. His wife was born in May, 1819, and died in 1884. Her children were seventeen in number, but only the three following are still in the land of the living: William, Lena and Julius. William Pfau was the first of his father's family to emigrate from his native land, and he reached New York March 28, 1881. He lived on the South Side when he first located in Chicago and was employed in a foundry, which was then on Sixteenth Street, having learned the trade of a blacksmith in his native land. He was thus occupied one year and was then given a position with the Illinois Central Railroad Company in the capacity of blacksmith, at the shops. When the shop of that company was established at Burnside, Mr. Pfau was given a

position there and has occupied the same up to the present time. He has proven at all times a faithful worker in the interests of the company, and his services are valued and recognized in a financial way accordingly.

Mr. Pfau was married February 17, 1867, to Bertha Malehorn, daughter of Henry Malehorn. Mrs. Pfau was born May 8, 1848, and her children are named as follows: August, Herman, Ada, Bruna and Anna. Three other children died young. In 1889 Mr. Pfau built a residence at No. 7356 Champlain Avenue and here his family has since been located. The members of the family represent models of peace and happiness, and all are highly regarded by their numerous acquaintances.

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## JOHN F. PRETZSCH.

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JOHN FREDERICK PRETZSCH is among the most prominent and enterprising of the citizens in the section of the city where he resides, and is one of the very old settlers in Chicago. He was born June 27, 1828, in the Province Mersburg, Prussia. His parents were John Frederick and Henrietta (Wenzel) Pretzsch, both of whom are now deceased.

The father of J. F. Pretzsch, senior, was Gottlieb Pretzsch, who was a blacksmith. He had two sons, Wilhelm and John Frederick, and some others whose names can not now be recalled. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was Wilhelm Wenzel, who kept a hotel in his native land. His children were Henrietta and William. John Frederick Pretzsch, senior, was born May 20, 1798, and died in 1860. He was a worker in wood, and conducted a factory in that line. His wife was born in September of the year 1800, and died in 1862. Their

children were named as follows: Henrietta, Wilhelmina, John Frederick, Albert, Gustav, Julius, Morritz and Louisa (the last two named being twins), Julius, Robert and Paulina. Gustav came over in 1858, and after marrying Miss Ketz, made his home in this country. Paulina came to America in 1865. She married Charles Stoll and resides at No. 445 Twenty-ninth Street, Chicago.

John F. Pretzsch, junior, reached New York August 3, 1856, having come over in the ship "Harvest Queen." He stayed in Chicago but a short time before removing to Milwaukee, where he remained two years. In that city he conducted a meat market, and later went to Salina County, Missouri, where he resided eight months, and subsequently returned to Milwaukee. In 1860 he located in Chicago, and has since made this city his home.

He opened a meat market on Van Buren Street,

near the bridge which crosses the Chicago River, and conducted the business there one year. He removed to No. 384 Clark Street, and was located at that number fourteen years, and did a flourishing and profitable business. He purchased property on Wells Street, at Nos. 623 and 625, and after one year at that location, bought a lot at No. 921 North Halsted Street, in 1871, and has continued his establishment at that place since. He is a thriving, business-like man, and his dealings are always honorable and square.

In the months from May to October, inclusive, in the year 1873, Mr. Pretzsch visited the land of his nativity, and returned perfectly satisfied

with the result of time thus spent. Though a true son of Prussia, he is loyal to his adopted country and resolved more strongly than ever after that visit to remain in the Land of the Free and the home of prosperity. He was married November 14, 1858, to an excellent and uplifting wife, Katharine Yochem. Mrs. Pretzsch was born May 25, 1839, and since the date of her marriage to Mr. Pretzsch has endeavored to aid him in every possible manner, in a moral as well as business way. They make an admirable and congenial couple and have hosts of friends among the acquaintances which they make in various walks of life.

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## HENRY L. STORMS.

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**H**ENRY L. STORMS. Among the most prominent members of the great order of the Knights of the Maccabees, and an influential and ardent worker for its cause, is Henry L. Storms. He was born November 18, 1866. For further mention of his ancestors see biographical record of John L. Storms.

H. L. Storms was educated in the public school, having attended the Paul Cornell School, but left at the age of fourteen years. He was in his father's service two years and subsequently entered the employ of Brown, Pettibone & Kelly, dealers in stationery, with whom he remained eighteen months. He returned to his father's service, where he was occupied until 1886, and was then made conductor on the Chicago City Railway, running on State Street as far south as Thirty-ninth Street. He continued in the same service, running on State Street, six years. He then entered the oil business, in his own interest, which he abandoned after eighteen months and returned to the employ of the Chicago City Railway Company, running on Cottage Grove Ave-

nue two years. He was occupied two years in the milk business, at the corner of Halsted and Seventieth Streets, conducting a store in connection.

Mr. Storms was made a member of the Knights of the Maccabees in April, 1895, when he joined Acme Tent, which later became Normal Park No. 42. In July, 1895, he was made deputy great commander, and in July, 1897, was elected great lieutenant commander, and has given his full time to the organization of lodges throughout the state. In September, 1895, he organized Harmony Tent No. 197. He has been record and finance keeper since the organization of the lodge. In 1897 Mr. Storms was made a Free Mason in Auburn Park Lodge No. 789. He joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in January, 1896, becoming connected with Englewood Lodge No. 858. He is a member of Charter Oak Lodge No. 266, Knights of Pythias, having joined this lodge in December, 1897, and is a charter member of Chicago Council No. 117, Ancient Order of Pyramids, the lodge having been organized in December, 1897.



October 12, 1886, Mr. Storms married Miss Emma Pyne, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Edwards) Pyne. Mrs. Storms was born in London, England, her parents emigrating in 1871. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Storms are Irene

Lenore, aged nine years, and Margaret, three years old. Though not active in political affairs and never seeking public favor in the form of an office, Mr. Storms upholds the interests of the Republican party.

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## GEORGE W. MEAD.

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GEORGE WALKER MEAD was born May 1, 1835, in Culpeper, Virginia, and lost his father before he was old enough to gain any knowledge of him. When he was but five years old his mother took him and his elder sister, Mary Mead, to Alton, Illinois, where they resided until 1848. The mother died in March of the following year at St. Louis, Missouri. She was married in Alton to Peter Strickland, who survived her many years, and died October 14, 1884, aged sixty-five years.

The subject of this sketch was early accustomed to care for himself, and is wholly self-educated. After the death of his mother he went to St. Louis, and came to Chicago June 25, 1849. Here he has seen a wonderful city grow up in the midst of its own ruins. Much of his life has been spent in the employ of hotels and restaurants. With the exception of a year in Racine, Wisconsin, he has continued in Chicago, since 1852.

In the days of packet boats on the Illinois & Michigan canal, he spent a year as porter on the "Louisiana," which served the traveling public previous to 1853. Its place was shortly after taken by railroad accommodations. For a period of fifteen years, Mr. Mead was in the service of E. R. Kellogg, a hat dealer at No. 167 Washington Street, and during this time often "turned an honest penny" by assisting Thomas Eckhart, a caterer, in serving parties at night.

In the summer of 1871, Mr. Mead opened a lunch counter on Clark Street, and was fairly launched on the way to success when the great fire of that year swept away his savings, in common with those of many another unfortunate citizen. He again entered the service of Mr. Eckhart, and continued with him until his death, in 1890. Since that time he has remained with Mr. Eckhart's successors, Shaw & French.

He was married October 22, 1854, to Miss Elizabeth Johnson, who is a native of Westchester, Pennsylvania, born May 17, 1836. Their eldest child, Georgiana, born November 21, 1857, was married June 9, 1880, to Littleton Jones, and resides at No. 5012 Fifth Avenue. Frank B., born June 13, 1859, married Florence Miller, and resides at No. 5120 Indiana Avenue. A sketch of Edwin Ripley Mead, twin brother of Frank, appears in this work. Alonzo, born January 13, 1863, married Lou Washington, and has two children, Frank and Marion. Lucy, born May 28, 1870, became the wife of Adolphus C. Harris May 25, 1888. George W., born September 22, 1872, resides with his parents.

Mr. Mead is a faithful adherent of the Baptist Church, and upholds in every way the political principles of the Republican party. While striving to fulfill, as far as possible, his duty to his family, he ever aims to further the general welfare of his native land.

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## PETER M. LAGONI.

PETER MADSEN LAGONI, who has risen by his own efforts from a hardy sailor, to a prominent business man, and who, seeing the great future of the city of Chicago, was able to make her prosperity his own, has a history which is well worth recording and which should be a source of inspiration to the rising generation. He was born in Denmark April 27, 1845, and spent his early boyhood in his native land. But being possessed of that venturesome disposition that made the Northmen the greatest navigators on the globe, he became at the age of fourteen years a cabin boy on an ocean-going ship. With a full determination to succeed, he studied every phase of the sailor's life and also books on navigation, and in a short time became mate. He sailed to all parts of the world, where the necessities of trade took the ships, including various parts of India, China and the East Indies.

Having reached the age of twenty-two years and satisfied his desire to see the world, he decided to make his future home in America, and in 1867 crossed to New York in the packet "George Washington." Making his way to Buffalo he shipped as a sailor on the three-masted schooner "Van Kelderhouse" of Chicago. During the remainder of the season he sailed on the boat "Hibbard" of Chicago and the "Black Charley" of Racine. Hearing of greater demands for labor in the West he went to Wyoming, where he worked on the Union Pacific Railroad, which was then being built, his work being done between Cheyenne and Green River. He soon returned to Chicago where he bought a horse and

wagon and began an express business. This he continued until 1872. The great fire was a great opportunity for men in his line of business, and he made more in one day at that time than ever in the same time before. Although many lost their most valuable papers by fire and others entrusted them to unsafe hands, he was able to save all the money, abstracts and mortgages belonging to a wealthy real estate man, for which service he received the princely sum of one dollar.

In 1872 Mr. Lagoni entered the real estate business and by so doing no doubt discovered the branch of business for which he is best adapted. He took charge of the subdivision of Winslow, Jacobson & Tolman, and established his office at the corner of North and Western Avenues, which was also the corner of the subdivision. This property, which consisted of forty acres, was at that time wild prairie and was over one and one-half miles from any street car line. It was over half a mile to the nearest drinking water, and Mr. Lagoni found good fishing grounds on the site of his present place of business. His acquaintance among the business men acquired during his experience in the express business, gave him such a prestige that, on the first day his office was open for business, twenty-two lots were sold, and within six months the entire forty acres had been disposed of. Most of the purchasers were Scandinavians, and Mr. Lagoni did all in his power to make them comfortable and to secure improvements. Through the influence of Alderman Michael Ryan the waterworks were extended to reach this section, though at first there was



but one hydrant, at which all the people gathered. As it was noted as a place where the news of the day was discussed it was called the "daily news."

Since the disposition of the first subdivision, the subject of this sketch has brought about many real estate transactions, in which he has been eminently successful. For eighteen years after his location in the northwestern part of the city he was engaged in an extensive tailoring business, employing more than fifty hands at times, and after that in the wholesale liquor trade, distributing his goods all over the country.

In 1885 he built the elegant three-story building at the corner of North and Western Avenues, on the first floor of which is his place of business. The second floor he occupies as a residence and on the third floor is a hall. He has a fine garden in connection, and also owns other property in the neighborhood.

In 1869 Mr. Lagoni was married to Hannah Peterson, whom he met in England, where she had resided three years. They have adopted

three children, namely: Louis, who is twenty-two years old; Olga, who died at the age of eight years; and Dagmar, who is now eleven years old. Mr. Lagoni has done all in his power for the comfort and welfare of his family, and their home is a pleasant one. In his library he finds much of his enjoyment, and is well informed on all leading questions. He also takes great pleasure in the collection of relics and curiosities, of which he has quite a number. Among them are the boots and cane of Lars Tellefsen, the largest man who ever lived in Chicago.

Socially Mr. Lagoni possesses many admirable qualities and is loved and respected by all classes. He is liberal with his money and ever has a kind word for a struggling brother. He is a member of Hesperia Lodge No. 411, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and Washington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the Danish Brotherhood of America, and the Independent Order of Foresters. At present he is a supporter of the Republican party, but is not a radical partisan and has many friends in both parties.

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## CHRISTIAN PETERSEN.

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CHRISTIAN PETERSEN, though he came to America a poor young man, has, by his ability and courage, won for himself a place among the honored business men of Chicago. He was born in Denmark, November 7, 1853, the younger of the two children of Marthes and Annie Petersen. He spent his first few years in his native place, but, as his parents were poor, received a very limited education in the common schools. At the early age of nine years he began working on a farm and his subsequent training was in the great school of experience. At the age of fourteen years he had decided to learn the trade of blacksmith, and spent the next four

years as an apprentice. He then worked some time as a journeyman but, being ambitious to progress more rapidly than the opportunities of his native land would allow, he resolved to emigrate to America.

He proceeded first to Hartford, Connecticut, but finding that his lack of knowledge of the English language prevented his securing work at his trade, he went out of the city a short distance and engaged himself to a farmer. After two months of farm work he secured a position in a sawmill, where he continued nearly three years. He was now able to proceed farther west, where there were more of his fellow countrymen,

and in 1882 removed to Chicago and hired out as a blacksmith in the shops of George M. Pullman. Ten months later he engaged as an engineer in the Graham Soap Works, then located in Clinton Street, but was thrown out of employment two months after by the destruction of the plant by fire. His next work was in the chair factory of H. Herhold & Company at the corner of Erie and Carpenter Streets, where he remained over two years.

Mr. Petersen possessed that economical spirit which has been the foundation of so many fortunes and had saved from his earnings sufficient capital to start in business on a small scale. He therefore resolved to apply his energy to the betterment of his own fortune, and as he had had some experience in the care of live stock, concluded to buy and feed cattle, selling them at wholesale to packers. This business proved quite

lucrative and was continued until 1893. In that year he opened an establishment at No. 154 North Western Avenue, where he is still located. Since that time he has carried on a steadily increasing trade in hay and grain, supplying a large number of people with these articles. He is well known in his section of the city as a reliable business man.

The subject of this notice was married in Chicago, in 1889, to Miss Nancy Lüsser, who is also a native of Denmark. They are the parents of two daughters, Engra and Edith. The family is connected with St. Angar's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mr. Petersen is connected with other important business enterprises, aside from his hay and grain establishment, and is a member of the Board of Trade. In political views he is a Republican, and is well known for his honesty in supporting what he believes to be right.

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## CHRISTIAN H. NÜRNBERGER.

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CHRISTIAN HENRY NÜRNBERGER, who is one of the pioneer musicians of Chicago, comes of a very old German family, which can be traced back nearly three centuries, and is a fine representative of his race. Born August 3, 1836, in Saxony, Germany, he is a son of John Henry and Johanna (Pitzler) Nürnberger. The family has lived for centuries in Saxony. One Michael Nürnberger built in that province, in 1682, a house to replace one burned by the Swedes in the "Thirty Years' War." This house is still standing and in good condition.

The Nürnbergers were interested in the express and carrying business for several generations. John Henry Nürnberger, grandfather of the man whose name heads this article, reached the highest degree of success attained by any of the name; he did a very large business and was located in

Waltersdorf. His wife was also possessed of considerable means in her own right, and came of a very old German family. John H. Nürnberger died at the age of sixty-eight years. Beside three others who are not accounted for, his children were: Christiana, Johann Henry, George, Caroline and Michael.

John Henry Nürnberger, junior, father of the subject of this sketch, died March 12, 1860, at the age of fifty-two years. He succeeded to the express business which had been established at some remote period by an ancestor, and followed it successfully until he came to America. Not possessing a rugged constitution he did not enter into active business after coming to America, but lived practically retired. With his wife and two children, Frank and Wilhelmina, he came to America six months after his son, Christian H.



Nürnberg. Gottlieb Schubert and family were on the vessel which brought the remainder of the family over, and after a very exciting voyage, being shipwrecked twice, they landed at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, and shortly after came to Chicago. After three years Mr. Nürnberg died at his home, at the corner of Polk Street and Pacific Avenue, where a freight depot has since been erected.

The mother of Christian H. Nürnberg was born December 25, 1816, and died December 27, 1896, her remains being interred in Graceland Cemetery. Her children were four in number: Henry, the eldest, was born November 10, 1834, and died December 8, 1892, leaving a widow to mourn his loss, having married Amelia Hausler. Christian Henry was the next in order of birth. Franz, born August 8, 1842, died August 21, 1897; he married Mary Reis, sister of Nicholas Reis. Wilhelmina was born December 15, 1846, and married John L. Hoerber, president of the John L. Hoerber Brewing Association, Chicago. After the death of the father the mother spent the remainder of her days with her children, and reached a good old age.

In 1836, in company with his brother Henry, Christian H. Nürnberg came to America, setting sail in May and reaching Chicago in August. He had given much time to the study of music and had become proficient in execution. The instruments in the use of which he became most skilled were the clarinet and oboe. When he reached Chicago there was not much demand for his services, and he did not hesitate to follow any occupation which fell to his lot; hence for several months he was employed in a lumber yard and planing mill. It was not for long, however, that his talents were to be obscured, as the demand for skilled musicians became greater.

Mr. Nürnberg was one of the members of the Light Guard Band, which later united with the Great Western Band, the names being combined in one, The Great Western and Light Guard Band. He was identified with this organization as long as it was in existence, in all about twelve years, and was connected with the first orchestra that ever furnished music for McVicker's The-

atre, continuing there throughout the Sharp management, and until the present lessee, Jacob Litt, took charge in 1898. Mr. Nürnberg has made a specialty of the oboe and has played that instrument many years, but has devoted much time also to the clarinet.

Mr. Nürnberg was married, August 27, 1861, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Conrad and Katharine (Husse) Lippert. Mrs. Nürnberg was born in Bavaria, December 1, 1843, and came to America in 1860. Her brother, Lothar Lippert, came over in 1859, participating in the late Civil War, in the Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Regiment, and died in the hospital at Little Rock, Arkansas. He held the rank of major at the time of his death, and was one of the bravest who suffered many horrors during the struggle.

Conrad Lippert, father of Mrs. Nürnberg, died January 20, 1860, at the age of fifty-six years. He was an instructor in the schools of Germany and was a man of fine education. His children were named: Lothar, Rosa, Theodore, Paulina, Max, Heinrich, Conrad and Othelia. All of this family are deceased except Rosa, Theodore, Paulina, Conrad and Elizabeth. Theodore follows the profession of his father in his native land; Max was a baker; and Conrad a priest of the Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. Nürnberg's mother died when seventy-one years of age, June 24, 1878. She remained her entire life in her native land.

Brief mention is made of each of the nine children of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nürnberg: Marie Magdalena, born June 28, 1862, is spoken of in the biography of Herman Braun, junior. Johanna Rosina, born November 10, 1865, married Percy Cummings, May 5, 1887; she lives at No. 121 Cullom Avenue, and is the mother of Percy, George and Ruth Cummings. Henry Frank, born September 25, 1868, married Helena Williams November 25, 1893; their children are: Beatrice and Helen. H. F. Nürnberg, born September 25, 1869, is skilled in playing the violin and is connected with the Thomas orchestra. Lothar Louis, born March 6, 1872, is also with the Thomas orchestra and resides at the home of his father. Rudolph, who is a musician

of some note, is with an orchestra at Hot Springs, Arkansas; he was born March 15, 1874. Othelia, born November 26, 1875, married Louis Ederer July 11, 1894; they reside at No. 1640 Briar Place, and have one son, Clarence. Pauline Marie, born March 12, 1879; Hattie Marie, December 5, 1883; and Wilhelmina Rosa, February 23, 1886, are still at the parental home.

Mr. Nürnberger bought property at No. 518 Wells Street, in 1868, and built his present abode in 1872. He lost everything in the great fire of October, 1871. He carried plenty of insurance, but succeeded in collecting only nine dollars. He is a member of the Sons of Herman, the

Musicians' Union and of several benefit societies. He was reared a Protestant and his wife's people were adherents of the Catholic faith. He casts his vote in favor of the Republican party.

One of the pioneer musicians of Chicago and an expert in his line, although he has never attained great wealth, he has a competence and is a representative of the great middle class, which is the principal element in the body politic. He is a quiet, unassuming gentleman, and abhors notoriety, detesting anything that produces undeserved popularity. He has true artistic instincts and is held in highest esteem by members of his profession.

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## CHRISTIAN F. LANGE.

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**C**HRISTIAN FREDERICK LANGE, who is the proprietor of the well-known pleasure resort known as the Tivoli Garden, located at the corner of North and Western Avenues, was born in the province of Holstein, Germany, November 12, 1849. He is the third of a family of eight children, and was but nine years old when the family removed from the Fatherland to Illinois, locating first at Galena. A year later they removed to Freeport, where the parents died about five years afterward.

The son, Christian, received such educational advantages as his parents were able to secure, but as they had a large family to support, he was obliged at an early age to assist in earning his bread. Left an orphan at the age of fifteen years, he at once set about getting employment which would further fit him for the battle of life. For three years he worked in the grocery of L. F. Burell, of Freeport, his continuation in one place showing that he had proved worthy of trust. He then secured a position in a hotel in Freeport, and found this occupation more to his liking.

During the two years which followed he learned much about the entertainment of the traveling public and about catering in general.

In 1872 he removed to Chicago, where he expected to find wider scope for the exercise of his enterprise and energy. He at once found work as a bar-tender in an establishment on Madison Street, where he remained two years. He then engaged with Myer & Kailler in their place at the corner of Clark and Washington Streets. Two years later he went to Bemis & McAvoy's Tivoli Garden, in Clark Street, in which he was head bar-keeper for three years.

During his years of work for others he had exercised those frugal habits which have been the foundation of many a fortune, and for which the people of the Fatherland are especially noted, and was now able to engage in a business of his own. In company with a Mr. Noe, he opened a place of business at No. 226 North Clark Street, which was conducted with success two years. The partnership was then dissolved and Mr. Lange started what was known as Lange's Pavilion, on Mil-



waukees Avenue. This resort became famous in that part of the city and proved a profitable venture to the proprietor. He continued this establishment twelve years and, one year before disposing of it, started a similar place at the corner of North and Western Avenues, which he named Tivoli Garden, and to which he has given his attention since. Connected with it is a handsomely decorated amusement hall, having a seating capacity of about three hundred, and containing all conveniences. The whole is conducted in a business-like manner, which shows that the owner has profited by his long years spent in entertaining the public. Mr. Lange also owns a building

at No. 524 Winchester Avenue, part of which is his family residence, the remainder being occupied by two stores.

In 1886 the subject of this sketch was married to Miss Mary Keene, who was born in America of German parents. The only child of this marriage, Charles F., died at the age of three months. Mr. Lange is a member of the Knights of Pythias and has been honored by all the offices in his local lodge. He belongs to the uniform rank, and held the office of captain three years. He is also connected with the Schiller Lederstafel singing society, of which he has been treasurer a period of six years.

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## JULIUS MEYER.

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**J**ULIUS MEYER was born in Hansühn Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, October 9, 1830, a son of Fritz and Marguerita Meyer. Fritz Meyer was by trade a blacksmith and he and his worthy wife lived in the Fatherland their entire lives. They both came of old and well-respected families and belonged, truly, to the most sturdy and persevering of nations.

Julius Meyer, whose name heads this article, became possessed of a common-school education and later learned the trade of carpenter. He worked a year in Hamburg, Germany, and at the age of twenty years entered the standing army of his country. He served from July 20, 1850, to February, 1851, in a war with the Danes. He subsequently resumed his chosen occupation and continued at it until his emigration from the land of his birth. He left Hamburg in October, 1856, on the sailing ship "Deutschland" on the last trip this vessel ever made, as she was wrecked and sunk on her return trip.

The ship landed in New York November 10, and Mr. Meyer came direct to Chicago. The first winter he spent in cutting cord wood in Calumet, Indiana, at seventy-five cents per cord, and in the spring he had twenty dollars, with which he returned to Chicago. His next employment was at Bulls Head, with a man named Allen, for whom he built a house. After working at his trade as a journeyman some years, he began contracting in a small way, doing all the work himself. Later he widened his operations and employed a number of hands to assist in filling his contracts.

For a period of two years he was in partnership with Henry Geils and for ten years was senior partner in the firm of Meyer & Jeckel. They did a large business, and at times employed as many as forty men. He was actively engaged in building operations until 1894, when he retired from active life in the business world. Mr. Meyer never sought public favor in the form of



office, but has always supported those measures that he thought best for the welfare of the city and country. He has supported the Republican party since he became a voter.

Mr. Meyer is a member of Goethe Lodge No. 329, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and an honorary member of Schleswig-Holstein Saengerbund. He was married February 20, 1864, to Miss Johanna Rathsaack, daughter of Christian Rathsaack. She was born in Price Prummen, Germany, and is the mother of six daughters and two sons, the latter being deceased. Those living are: Emilie; Helen, wife of J. Edward Maas;

Emma, Ida, Anna and Clara. The family is connected with St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and is well and favorably known among its influential upholders.

By untiring industry and unswerving integrity Mr. Meyer has achieved success. He is a self-made man in the truest sense of that often misused term, as he began life in Chicago a poor young man, and without the aid of wealthy or influential friends, has steadily worked his way up to his present high standing in the financial world, which enables him to spend his old age in comfortable retirement.

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## WILLIAM HANSEN.

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**W**ILLIAM HANSEN, who has a cigar and confectionery establishment at No. 405 Division Street, Chicago, is one of the oldest business men in that street. He was born February 7, 1846, in Flensburg (then in Denmark, now a part of Germany), and is the youngest of the seven sons of Hans and Anna Hansen. Hans Hansen was a native of Denmark and died in Flensburg December 1, 1898, at the extreme age of ninety years. His wife, also a native of Denmark, passed away at Hamburg in 1870, at the age of seventy years.

William Hansen was the only one of his family to leave his native land. He attended the public schools of the town in which he was born until he reached the age of sixteen years, thus receiving better educational advantages than many of his fellows. He then commenced an apprenticeship with a ship carpenter, which continued for a period of three years. Having become skillful at his chosen trade, he secured a position as ship's carpenter on a vessel sailing from Denmark, and followed the sea in this capacity during a period

of twelve years. He visited China and other parts of Asia, the West Indies and the coast of South America. Having saved a considerable sum of money, he returned to Denmark in 1872 and purchased a vessel. He then sailed as master of his own ship five years.

In 1878 he resolved to seek his fortune in America, and accordingly once more crossed the Atlantic, proceeding at once to Chicago, the lode-stone which has attracted to itself the people of every nation. With that determination to win which has made so many of his countrymen successful, he did not wait for opportunities in the line of industry in which he had spent so many years, but at once took work in a box and barrel factory operated by the Oconto Company. He remained in this establishment three years and then took a position as shipbuilder in the yards of Miller Brothers. In 1884 he concluded to enter the field of business on his own account, and opened a confectionery and tobacco store at No. 278 West Division Street, which he carried on with profit three years. In 1887 he removed

his stock to his present location, where he has built up a good business in his line. His long residence in the city has given him a wide acquaintance, and he is well known as a man of stability and sterling character. Though he brought very little wealth to America with him, he has, by economy and careful business methods, acquired a competence.

In 1873 Mr. Hansen was married in Denmark to Miss Anna Larsen, who was born in Neustadt, Lolland, Denmark, October 22, 1844, and spent her youth in that city. They have no children.

The subject of this sketch was six months a private in the Danish army, and was subsequently a member of the Danish veterans eighteen years, taking active part in the proceedings of that order. He is a member of Covenant Lodge No. 526, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; of Wicker Park Lodge No. 281, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled all the offices; and of Victory Encampment No. 108, of the same order. In political matters he is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

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## JOHN ANDERSEN.

JOHN ANDERSEN, one of the prominent and respected Danish-American citizens of Chicago, was born February 11, 1851, and is the youngest of the four sons of Andreas Jorgen Hansen and Mette Catherine Petersen. The former passed away in 1890, but the latter is still living in her native land. Their three elder sons, Hans Jorgen, Gens and Peter, the two last-named being twins, are also residing in Denmark.

John Andersen spent his boyhood on the farm occupied by his father and became proficient in the arts of agriculture. At the age of twenty he was a strong, ambitious young man, and resolved to follow the path taken by many of the young and vigorous men of his day, and emigrate to America. In 1871 he severed home ties and a few weeks later arrived in Lee County, Illinois, where he soon found employment as a farm laborer. His knowledge of such work was of great value to him, but he was obliged to learn the language of his adopted country before he could carry on business successfully for himself. In 1878 he rented land, and for one year carried on farming on his own account.

Subsequently Mr. Andersen concluded to re-

move to Chicago, where he hoped to advance his fortune more rapidly. He took up the occupation of house-moving and put forth every effort to become proficient in his line of work. His first place of business was in Noble Street, later he was located in Milwaukee Avenue, and in 1887 bought property at No. 898 Rockwell Street, which has been his home since that time. By strict attention to business he has built up a good trade, and is known in his neighborhood for sterling honesty and integrity.

February 13, 1878, the subject of this article was married in the village of Lee, Lee County, Illinois, to Miss Caroline Madsen, who is also a native of Denmark. Four daughters have been born of this marriage, named as follows: Ella, Jennie, Stella and Mamie, the last two being twins. All the children were born in Chicago, and all give promise of a bright future.

Mr. Andersen possesses pleasant social qualities and wins the kindly regard of all who come in contact with his genial nature. Among his social connections might be mentioned the Knights of Honor, of which he is a worthy member. He takes an active interest in all matters connected



with the welfare of his fellow-countrymen, and was one of the organizers of the Danish Brotherhood in Chicago, becoming a member of Chicago Lodge No. 18. He is a man who takes his greatest pleasure in the company of his family

and in the enjoyment of home life. In 1894, accompanied by two of his daughters, he visited the land of his birth, spending several months in going over the scenes of his youth and other places of interest.

## GEORGE B. HAVILL.

GEORGE BUTTERFIELD HAVILL, who is very prominent in the social as well as business makeup of the great city of Chicago, is thoroughly versed in the ways of the world, in this nineteenth century. He participates at times in the pleasures of the world in which he moves, and is found to be a genial, pleasant gentleman, one easy of approach.

He was born September 23, 1839, and at the time of his birth his parents, William and Mary Ann (Gibbons) Havill, resided in Paris, Canada. George B. Havill attended school in his native town, but was taken from public school when still young and placed in a private institution. In 1854 he went to Detroit and remained there two years, after which he located and remained in Hamilton, Ontario, until 1858. He was one of the unhappy victims of the Des Jordan Canal catastrophe March 12, 1857. At that time fifty-six people were killed, and Mr. Havill was permanently injured.

He ventured in the grocery business in Toronto, remaining until March 9, 1862, when he removed to Chicago. He was employed by Berry & Cushing, house and sign painters, but after two years established a saloon at No. 203 East Adams Street, with Charles Perry as partner. He continued it alone after two years, and was burned out in the fire of 1871. He was at the time conducting another catering establishment at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Polk Street, which escaped until 1874, when it also burned.

He then built at No. 166 Fourth Avenue, and continued in the same line of business two years, subsequent to which time he removed north of Harrison Street.

He was next located on State Street, next door to the old Park Theater. He later removed across the street, and from there to the corner of Dearborn and Harrison Streets. In 1885 he built at the corner of Cottage Grove Avenue and Sixty-fifth Street, and conducted business from 1886 to 1888, when he established another business of like nature and after two years rented both places. He still owns these properties. In 1888 he erected a building at No. 752 East Sixty-third Street, and has since carried on business at this location, where he also resides.

Mr. Havill is the owner of the Eagle Hotel, at the corner of Fourth Avenue and One Hundred Eleventh Street, in the vicinity of the Roby race tracks. He built store property at Nos. 752-54-56-58 Sixty-third Street and also residence property on Evans Avenue. He is possessed of one hundred sixty acres in Harlem County, Nebraska, four miles from the town of Alma, and owns one hundred feet front on Hoxie Avenue, South Chicago. He controls a great deal of land, and his importance is thus greater to the city of Chicago than that of the average citizen.

Conducive to the happiness of a man is a genial life partner. Mr. Havill married a very charming lady, Miss Alice, daughter of Hugh Craig, of the State of Vermont. Their marriage was



celebrated March 9, 1857. Their only child was named May. She married Henry Karl and is at present one of the most prominent and popular of theatrical stars, travelling and appearing under the nom de plume of May Howard. She is at the head of her own organization, and controls even their costumes. Her company is one of the best known and most sought after among managers in the country. May Howard made her debut in the town of Deadwood, South Dakota, when taking a part in the drama, *Night Owls*. That town was then in the fever of the gold excitement. Her progress has been very rapid and flattering financially, as well as from the standpoint of the severe critics on acting. Her husband also controls his own theatrical company, and travels under the stage pseudonym of Harry Morris. His troupe is known as the Twentieth Century Company.

July 18, 1881, Mr. Havill was united in marriage with Miss Theresa Kinzig, of Dayton Ohio. Their only child, Cora, is at home with her parents. July 22, 1897, Mr. Havill underwent his second severe bodily injury. He boarded a car at the corner of Sixty-third Street and Cottage Grove Avenue, which was very much crowded. He was compelled to hang on the side, and a car going in the opposite direction struck Mr. Havill, among several others, and he was knocked to the ground and still feels the effects of his injuries.

Mr. Havill had dabbled to a great extent in race horses, being the present owner of Algeretta, the finest two-year-old ever in Chicago. He was

the owner of the first Cora Havill, who broke her leg at Harlem and practically grieved herself to death from the injuries. He now owns twelve blooded horses, and has been in possession of seventeen at one time. He is strictly a follower of the pleasures of the turf, and winters his horses at John W. Wilson's farm. Theresa H. is one of his fine horses, which was entered in the derby of 1898. Mr. Havill has entered horses at Windsor, Canada, St. Louis, Missouri, at the John Conlin track, at Ideal Park, Wisconsin, and at Joliet, Illinois. Algeretta won everything in which she was entered, beating every other horse in the field. He is very enthusiastic over the breed of horses which he backs, and countenances no tendency toward the selling platers.

Mr. Havill is a member of Gauntlet Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias, in which he is very popular. He votes in favor of the candidates of the Republican party at all times, and will always be found with them in argument. He is a man of commanding presence, but devoid of any haughtiness of manner, which is, unfortunately, so often found in the man of force. Physically he is above the average, naturally, but the accidents which he has undergone served to reduce his strength.

His suave, courteous manners make him an easy man to approach, and his large business experience makes him an interesting person to converse with. He is well known among real estate dealers, and is swift in seeing a business advantage and not slow to act thereon.

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## ANDREW SAUER.

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**A**NDREW SAUER, one of the highly respected citizens of the portion of Chicago where he resides, was born May 18, 1820, in Wurtemberg, Germany. He is a son of Andrew and Barbara (Grispis) Sauer, and is a true represen-

tative of the sturdy, energetic and ambitious German. Though loyal in every degree to his adopted country, he never forgets the land that gave him birth and treasures a fond memory for the country along the Rhine.

Andrew Sauer was the only one of his father's family to emigrate from the land of their nativity. He arrived in Chicago May 30, 1867, when the city was still in its young days and comparatively small in area and population. He had learned the trade of baker in Germany, and conducted a bakery and general catering establishment there. On his coming to America he was at first occupied as a laborer, and later entered the service of his father-in-law, Michael Weidinger.

He was ambitious beyond this, however, and one week before the great fire of 1871 he started a bakery business on Indiana Street, near La Salle Avenue. He lost everything in the great conflagration and after that time was again employed as a laborer. For the past five years he has resided at No. 121 Sigel Street.

November 11, 1856, Mr. Sauer married Eva Weidinger. Mrs. Sauer was born November 11, 1834, and died October 16, 1872. Her remains were interred in St. Boniface Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Sauer were blessed with six children: An extended notice of Ambrose, the eldest, appears elsewhere in this volume. Barbara, who resides with her father, is in the employ of Bunte Brothers & Spoehr, wholesale confectioners, located at Nos. 139-144 West Monroe Street. Elizabeth died at the age of twenty years. Nicholas resides in Lake View. Annie is employed in the grocery department of Siegel, Cooper & Company's store; and Paulina, the youngest, is at home. The family is a harmonious one, and though deprived of a mother, progresses and thrives as well as possible under the circumstances.

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## PETER BEYGEH.

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PETER BEYGEH was one of the earliest German settlers of Chicago, having located here about 1838, and was many years connected with the business interests of the city. He was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, February 21, 1814. Peter Beygeh received a good education in his native land, and it was his father's intention to educate him for the priesthood.

Young Peter's inclinations did not lie in that direction. He preferred that his life should be one of business activity. Before the final arrangements were completed, and previous to his entering upon his theological course, he left home and came to the United States. He learned the trade of butcher, after which he engaged in business for his own interests. He was several years in partnership with Rudolph Wehrle, and they kept a meat market first on LaSalle Street and later on State Street.

After doing a successful business for several years the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Beygeh believing he could better further his own interests if by himself. He carried on the business alone on Market Street a few years, then moved to West Randolph Street, continuing until about 1864, when he retired, with a handsome competence as a reward for his industry and business sagacity.

A few years after his arrival in Chicago he purchased a lot on the northeast corner of La Salle and Randolph Streets, which he sold in 1851 for six thousand dollars, little thinking the same land would attain its present value. Previous to making this sale he bought five acres, which were located at what is now the corner of North Lincoln and West Division Streets, then an unbroken prairie and a long distance from the business portion of the city. In 1853 he built a nice cottage on this property for a



country home, this being the first residence erected on West Division Street west of the river, and the only one in that locality for some years. In that early time wild game was plentiful and wolves so numerous that the older members of the family have distinct recollection of their frequent visits to the back door of the house in the day time.

Mr. Beygeh was a successful business man, and the ample fortune which he left to his widow and family came to him through the legitimate channels of trade and was in part the result of judicious investments, and none was acquired by questionable methods or by taking advantage of others. He is remembered by all who knew him well as having been exceedingly jovial, kind-hearted and generous. After his retirement from business he cultivated a part of his land, where he grew vegetables, most of which he gave away to his neighbors who were less fortunate than himself.

While Mr. Beygeh was public-spirited and progressive, and always used his influence for

the advancement of the best interests of his home city, he never sought political preferment and never held any office except that of street commissioner, which he filled one year. November 18, 1851, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Goeller, who was born September 17, 1827, in Faltz, Germany. Her father, Frederick Goeller, died when she was a mere child, after which her mother married Christian Weissenbach. Mrs. Beygeh came to America with her mother and stepfather in 1845, and four years later came to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Beygeh had eleven children, only seven of whom are living at this writing, namely: Robert; Elizabeth, wife of Leo Kachlein, of Tacoma, Washington; Frederick, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Emma, now Mrs. Henry Behl, of Chicago; Minnie, Julia and Rudolph. All have enjoyed good educational as well as social advantages, and are useful and respected members of society. Mr. Beygeh died at his home in Chicago, December 24, 1874, and his remains were interred in Graceland Cemetery.

## BENJAMIN N. DUGAS.

**B**ENJAMIN NICHOLI DUGAS, who is an energetic and successful carpenter in Chicago, has seen much of the world and visited many parts of the country of his adoption. He was born September 2, 1835, on a farm near the town of Ciceban, Nova Scotia, a son of Charles and Jane (Quemoe) Dugas. His grandfather was one of the Acadians who were transported by the British government, and was the father of two children.

Charles Dugas died when Benjamin N. was five years old, having lived to be a very old man. He was a tiller of the soil, and owned sixteen hundred acres of land. He was one of the most

prominent men in his section and was twice married. He was father of sixteen children, all of whom reached maturity, and the subject of this notice is the youngest son by his second marriage. By his first wife he had four sons, Celestian, Frank, Peter and Oliver, and three daughters whose names cannot now be recalled. The mother of the man whose name heads this article died about 1878, at the age of eighty years. Her children were named as follows: Eli, Charlotte, Cerier, Margaret, Joseph, Charles, Walter, John and Benjamin Nicholi.

Benjamin N. Dugas was occupied on a farm and in a ship yard when a young man, beginning



the work of a ship builder at the age of seventeen years. At the age of nineteen years he went to Paris, Indiana, in May, 1855, and from there went to Marshall, Illinois, spending the summer in the last-mentioned town. In September, 1856, he came to Chicago and remained here a short time. He then removed to Douglas County, Illinois. He subsequently went South for a time during the war, as a pioneer for the government, and then located in Kankakee, on his return to Illinois. He lived in that city eighteen years and conducted a carpenter shop. In 1887 he came to Chicago, and has resided in this city since that time. He follows his chosen occupation, and

eleven years ago erected a residence at No. 509 North Rockwell Street, where he has lived since that time. He has visited Kansas, Dakota and many other western states.

Forty years ago Mr. Dugas was married to Vitiline, daughter of Louis and Frances Proulx, and their children were eight in number, two having died. They were named: Walter, Eugenius, Archer (who died at the age of sixteen months), Valmore, Corrinne, Eva, Agnes (who died at the age of twenty-two years) and Leah. Mr. Dugas comes of Catholic stock, and votes in favor of the principles of the Democratic party at all times.

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## WILLIAM HAMEL.

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**W**ILLIAM HAMEL, one of the prominent and loyal citizens of Chicago, was born November 5, 1840, in Lohne, Kur-Hessen, Germany, and is a son of John Henry and Anna Katherine (Eckhardt) Hamel. His father was born in Wabern, Kur-Hessen, and his mother in Lohne, the former April 22, 1813, and the latter March 27, 1808.

Henry Hamel was a cabinet-maker by trade. His wife had been previously married to Ludwig Eckhardt, by whom she had two sons—Louis, who died in Chicago, and Nicholas, of whom further mention is made on another page of this work. December 16, 1836, she became the wife of Henry Hamel, by whom she had five children, four of whom are now living, namely: Anna Elizabeth, wife of John Heimburger, of Chicago; William, of this sketch; Maria Elizabeth, now Mrs. Franz Thon; and Anna Elizabeth, widow of Adam Sauer.

The man whose name heads this article, William Hamel, attended the parish school of his native town until he reached the age of fourteen

years, and was confirmed in the church just before leaving the land of his nativity, June 27, 1854. In this year his father's family emigrated to America, arriving in New York Christmas morning, after an ocean voyage of sixty-nine days. They went directly to Ansonia, Connecticut, where lived relatives of the family, and spent a few months there. The father then removed his family to New York, where he and his brother, John Hamel, started to manufacture chair frames. The venture proved disastrous, and their capital was exhausted in nine months. He then removed westward, to Chicago, and located in that city in July, 1855. He occupied himself at his trade until his death, which occurred November 6, 1890, his wife having preceded him November 29, 1884.

After coming to America William Hamel attended public school in New York, in order to learn the English language. His first employment in Chicago was in a dry goods store as an errand boy. He was soon made a clerk, and filled that position until 1861.

In August of that year he enlisted in the Union Army, and was assigned to Company A, Seventy-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, known as the First Board of Trade Regiment. He was taken sick at Pawtucket, in October, with typhoid fever, and was unable to rejoin his regiment until November, when he went South with it. There he was stricken with swamp fever, and was for a time confined in the hospital at Memphis, Tennessee. On the way from Holly Springs to Memphis he met with an accident that caused hernia, disabling him from further duty. He was honorably discharged at Memphis in March, 1862.

After returning to Chicago he resumed his clerkship for a few weeks, and then embarked in the grocery business, buying out a stock in partnership with his step-brother. He prospered for nine months, when he sold his interest to his partner. He then spent some time in the East and, in 1863, in company with Christ Eriskson, he opened a general store on the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Green Street, and ten months later sold out at a profit. He subsequently engaged in business alone, in dry goods and groceries, at Milwaukee Avenue and Cornell Street, and conducted a successful trade until 1873. He then bought a property at No. 442 Chicago Avenue and moved to that place and continued in business until 1876, when he sold out. About this time he was appointed by the Government to

the position of United States store-keeper for the first district of Illinois, and held that post four years. He was later, for a short time, salesman for a brush factory. He then started a bottling business, which he carried on twenty years, selling out in May, 1898. He is now in the employ of the Chicago branch of the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as collector.

Mr. Hamel has voted the Republican ticket since he became an American citizen. He is a member of Goethe Lodge No. 329, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Wicker Park Lodge No. 204, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is connected with the Knights of Pythias and National Union. For more than thirty years he has been a member of the Chicago Sharpshooters' Association, has been identified with the Teutonic Maennerchor since 1864, and is a member of W. S. Hancock Post No. 560 Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Hamel was married August 8, 1869, to Miss Anna Katharine Schulz. They have seven children living, namely: Anna Matilda, Anna Rosina, Bertha, Henry Nicholas, Ludwig Wilhelm, Anna Louise and Carl William. Mr. Hamel is connected with St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and is recognized as a man of honor and integrity, and has all the instincts of a gentleman.

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## LOUIS CHRISTENSEN.

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**L**OUIS CHRISTENSEN, one of those natives of Denmark who have made their homes in Chicago and by their many good moral qualities and their great business ability become a credit to that city and to their native land, was born April 15, 1858. He spent his boyhood in

the city of Slugelsa and received a common-school education in that place, learning at the same time habits of industry and temperance, which marked his future life. He is the only son in a family of four children and, as his parents were poor, he was obliged early in life to take care of himself.



At the age of fourteen years he began a four-years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's bench and faithfully executed his share of the contract, becoming at the end of the time a skilled workman. He worked as a carpenter until 1879, though it became evident that where workmen were so numerous the chances of advancement and fortune were not so great as in some newer country.

He therefore resolved to emigrate to America, where many of his countrymen had already found homes and business opportunities. He journeyed to Iowa, but like many others was drawn as by a magnet to Chicago. Being without capital, he was obliged to begin as a journeyman carpenter, though he resolved to save part of his earnings toward a sufficient sum to begin as a contractor. He worked diligently in various capacities and saw his savings gradually increase until, in 1890, he concluded to launch out in business. Besides building many residences by contract, he has erected several on lots of his own, and afterwards sold at a good profit. From this time his capital increased more rapidly, and the business has been

continued with steady success ever since. In 1893 Mr. Christensen built the fine three-story residence at No. 818 North Rockwell Street, which is now occupied by his family. This building is of brick, with a stone front. He also owns other real estate in the city. Though the first few years of his residence in America were a constant struggle, the subject of this sketch allowed no discouragement to dampen his ardor, but kept steadily on toward the goal of his ambition. The result must be a constant source of satisfaction to him, for he not only has sufficient of this world's goods to brighten his old age, but also to place his family beyond the reach of want. He has moreover lived an honest, industrious life, which cannot fail to be a source of pride and inspiration to his children.

In politics Mr. Christensen is a Democrat and uses his voice and influence in the interests of his party. He was married in Chicago in 1881 to Miss Bertha Hutchinson, who has been a faithful companion both in his years of hardship and prosperity. They are the parents of three children, George, Cena and Clara.

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## JAMES W. ROGERS.

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**J**AMES WILLIAM ROGERS was born in Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England, August 11, 1834, and is a son of James Chambers and Fanny Tryphena (Hayes) Rogers, the former a member of an old English family, and on the maternal side traces back to Wales. The family, consisting of parents and five children, came to the United States in 1852, landing in New York in June, after an ocean voyage, in a sailing vessel, of seven weeks, from Liverpool. They remained in Brooklyn a couple of years, where James C. Rogers was occupied at his

trade, that of carpenter. They came to Chicago in 1855, Mr. Rogers removing to that city a few months previous to his family.

James C. Rogers followed his trade until his death, which occurred in 1860, Mrs. Rogers surviving him until 1876. Their family is as follows: James W., of this article; John Bitterly; Charles A., of Chicago; Jabez, of Anderson, Indiana; May Jemime, Mrs. Marcus H. Buzzell; Priscilla, wife of Charles B. Dorr. The last mentioned was born in Brooklyn, New York.



J. W. Rogers enjoyed but limited educational advantages in the land of his nativity, but is possessed of a tactful and energetic nature and learned much from practice and the vast school of experience. He acquired the knowledge of the use of tools from his father and served a two-years' apprenticeship in Brooklyn at the trade of carpenter. He became self-supporting at an early age and at the death of his father the care of the younger members of the family devolved upon him. He was employed by others for wages until about the year 1875, and then took contracts for work on his own account, being actively en-

gaged at his trade until the year 1893, when he retired, having accumulated a handsome competency.

Mr. Rogers has been a Republican since the organization of that party, having voted for Fremont and every presidential candidate of the party since that time. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and is recognized as influential for every move toward the uplifting of the minds and hearts of his fellow-men. He never married and has lived a quiet, unostentatious life, giving his support to all good works and for the benefit of the city and country at large.

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## CHARLES E. MOREY.

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**C**HARLES EDWARD MOREY. Of the deceased among the worthy citizens of Chicago, none are more mourned and missed by friends than Charles Edward Morey. He was a man of upright and energetic character, honorable in all dealings, and showing himself the well-bred gentleman in every act and manner. He was born April 5, 1843, in Maitland, Ontario, (then Canada West), and is a son of Reuben and Abigail (Pennock) Morey, both representatives of good families.

He obtained a public-school education and came to the city of Chicago when a very young man, aged eighteen years. He was first employed in the large store of Marshall Field & Company, remaining but one year in this service. He later worked for the Knickerbocker Ice Company, one of the largest concerns of the kind in the city, and was teamster for the seed dealer, Albert Dickinson, for a long time, up to the time of Mr. Dickinson's death. He was a valued employe, and his services were recompensed accordingly.

Mr. Morey was married July 4, 1867, to Miss Sophia Huguelet. For ancestry of Mrs. Morey

refer to the biography of Louis Huguelet, on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Morey became the parents of six children, four of whom lived to be a credit to their name and the rearing they received. Charles Edward, born May 11, 1868, married Harriet Riley, December 24, 1890, and resides at No. 135 Larrabee Street. They have four children: Adella, Jessie, Harriet and Charles. Lily Louise was born February 4, 1871, and was married May 5, 1893, and died September 30, following. Adella Sophia, born August 28, 1872, married Milton Vogel, August 3, 1890, and resides with her mother, her only child being Lilian Sophia, who was born December 25, 1891. William Henry, born December 26, 1875, is at home, as is also David Reuben, born August 28, 1881. Carrie Ella, born December 17, 1880, died May 10, 1881.

Mr. Morey's people were Protestants. He was a Democrat and loyal to his party's interests, using his influence in its favor at all times. He died January 21, 1881, and his remains were interred in Graceland Cemetery. His widow is now residing at No. 28 Chestnut Place, in Chicago.

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CHARLES SEEGER.

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## CHARLES SEEGER.

CHARLES SEEGER. The elements essential to make men of mark in the world are as varied as the individuals who make up the sum total of humanity. An immortal poet has said, "Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them." It is men of the second class, as spoken of by the most renowned of bards, who fill the greatest needs in the affairs of life.

Charles Seegers, with whom this sketch has to do, is of humble birth and of poor but respectable parentage. He was born February 12, 1834, in Hanover, Germany, his parents being Henry and Augusta Seegers, natives of Hanover. The mother died in Germany, when Charles was quite young, and the father in Chicago in 1864.

The boyhood of Charles Seegers was passed in his native land, the common schools affording him the means whereby he obtained a practical elementary education. As a boy he was sturdy, practical and resolute, possessing many of those dominant characteristics of the German race which have won success wherever the forces of the German mind and heart have with fixedness of purpose taken hold of the affairs of life.

On leaving school at the age of fourteen years he entered upon a four years' apprenticeship to the cigar-maker's trade. After serving his time he spent three years working at his trade in different cities. Having arrived at man's estate, he realized the narrowness of opportunities surrounding him in his native land, and longing for a field

of wider environment, he decided to seek his fortune in America. In May, 1855, he carried into effect his resolution of emigration, and at Bremen took passage in a sailing ship, and forty-two days later landed in New York City. He came direct to Chicago, and on his arrival his cash capital consisted of one dollar. He soon found employment at his trade and worked a few months for wages. In December, 1855, he began manufacturing cigars on his own account at what is now No. 324 Milwaukee Avenue. Later he opened a cigar and tobacco store, and at one time dealt largely in leaf tobacco. Under his judicious management the business grew to large proportions. He employed a number of hands and did a profitable trade until 1876, when he sold out.

His next business venture was manufacturing linseed oil with others, under the firm name of the Northwestern Linseed Oil Company, which afterward became the Northwestern Lead and Oil Company, of which he was president. This business was successfully conducted under his management until 1887, when they sold out to the trust known as the National Linseed Oil Company. While thus engaged he bought some stock in the American Varnish Company, and in 1891 became actively interested in the business. He was elected president of the company and still holds that position. This important industry employs about thirty men, and the product of the factory finds a market in nearly every state in the Union.

Mr. Seegers is also president of the Crescent

Linseed Oil Company, which does a large and profitable business, giving employment to about twenty hands, the factory having a capacity of one thousand bushels a day. He is treasurer of the Wicker Park Safety Deposit and Trust Company, a stockholder and director in the Northwestern Brewing Company and in the Bank of Commerce.

His first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln, and he has ever since been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but he has never sought office, preferring to give his entire attention to his various business interests. That he possesses executive ability and business foresight of a high order is attested by his re-

markable success. His ample fortune has not been acquired by over-reaching others, or taking advantage of the necessities of the weak and less fortunate, for his business career has been characterized by justice and fair dealing with his fellow-men. January 18, 1862, he was joined in marriage with Miss Caroline, daughter of Claus Ackhoff, a pioneer of Chicago, more extended mention of whom will be found in the biography of Henry Ackhoff, on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Seegers have five children, namely: Hattie, wife of W. L. Householder; Mary, George, Cora and Melville. The family belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran Church and is one of prominence in the social circles of the city.

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## PHILIP BECKER.

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**P**HILIP BECKER, a brick mason and contractor of Chicago, has been a resident of the city forty-four years. He was born November 14, 1841, in Hessen-Darmsdat, Germany, and is the eldest son of John Becker. Mrs. Becker, mother of the man whose name heads this article, died when he was but eight years of age. For his second wife John Becker married Margaret Launbach. In June, 1854, with his wife, and three children by his former marriage, he came to the United States, traveling direct to Chicago, arriving before Philip was thirteen years of age. They settled on North Avenue on what was known as "the forty acres." Mr. Becker was a butcher by trade, at which he worked for some time after coming to Chicago. He did butchering and sausage making for many farmers in the vicinity of the city. Five years after his arrival he rented six acres of land on Sedgwick Street, and engaged in market garden-

ing, having located on the corner of Sedgwick and Center Streets in 1856. In 1865 he bought two lots in the same block, on Hudson Avenue, and built a residence at that place, which he occupied with his family. In the great fire of 1871 he was burned out, losing all his property except his lots. He rebuilt, and carried on gardening until his death, May 5, 1878. He was an industrious man, and devoted all his energies to the support of his family. His widow is still living, and has attained the ripe age of seventy-eight years. The children of his first marriage are: Philip, of this sketch; Anna, widow of Louis Hinrick, and Elizabeth, wife of Henry Groff. By his second wife he had three children, namely: Katherine, wife of A. Toff; Jacob, and Anna, wife of John Schick, all of Chicago. Mr. Becker was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, as is also his widow.

Philip Becker attended school in the Father-



land until the family emigrated. As his father was in poor health for two years subsequent to their locating in Chicago, Philip was forced to assist in the support of the younger children. This prevented him from obtaining any more schooling than he had secured in his native land. About a year after the arrival of the family in Chicago, Philip engaged in lathing, which occupation he continued four years. He then learned the trade of plasterer, and later that of brick mason. He has since worked at the last-named occupation and has been very successful, only through his own efforts to surmount all difficulties and conquer all obstacles.

After the fire of 1871 he began contracting on his own account, and in partnership with his brother-in-law, Henry Pauli, has continued in the business and erected many business blocks of importance, beside residences. While he never was desirous of holding public office, he has been faithful to the duties of a citizen and has been loyal to the interests of his adopted country. His first presidential vote was cast for Abraham

Lincoln in 1864, and he has since supported the principles and representatives of the Republican party.

April 22, 1866, Mr. Becker was married to Miss Mary Pauli, daughter of William and Mary Pauli, who came in 1865 to Chicago, where both spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Pauli died April 18, 1895, aged ninety-one years, and his worthy wife passed away November 16, 1895, at the age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Becker was born in Mickenburg Strelitz, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Becker are the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth, who was born May 24, 1867, and became the wife of Emil Kollmann, who died January 9, 1892, leaving his widow with two interesting children: Rosa and Walter. The family belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. Becker became self-sustaining at an early age and deserves much credit for the success which he has achieved. He has been an important factor in the upbuilding of the city and has borne his share in promoting its best interests.

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## GEORGE BAILEY.

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**G**EORGE BAILEY, who comes of a very old and prominent family of the Emerald Isle, was born March 20, 1859, in County Down, Ireland. His parents were Henry McKinley and Jane (Ennis) Bailie. George Bailey was the one to change the spelling of the family name to Bailey. His great-grandfather was Robert Bailie, who was a tiller of the soil, owning property. His children were: William, John and others.

The grandfather of the man whose name heads this article, John Bailie, died at the age of fifty-five years, of a paralytic stroke, in his native land. He served his entire life on the estate of

Hugh Montgomery, and for many years was his bailiff. His children were: James, Robert, Henry, Margaret and six others who died in childhood.

Henry McKinley Bailie was born in 1838, in County Down, Ireland, and reached Chicago October 7, 1854. He is an engineer and has followed this vocation most of his life in Chicago. He built a residence at No. 2958 Throop Street, and shortly after built at No. 2960 Throop Street, where he resides at the present writing. His house was the first built in that locality. The children of Henry Bailie were named as follows: Eliza, George, Margaret, Mary Ann, Sarah Parks and John Henry, H. M. Bailie is

president of the board of Emanuel Presbyterian Church, having occupied that office in the church since its house of worship was erected.

At the age of five years George Bailey was brought to America, and was sent to the Holden public school, afterward attending Bryant & Stratton's business college. He then began to learn the trade of engineer. With his father he worked one year for J. C. Mitchell, and subsequently took charge of the rendering department of Adler & Oberndorf, later occupying the position of engineer. He was with the latter concern seven years. In April, 1893, he entered the employ of the Chicago City Railway Company as conductor, having held that position up to the present time, being now on the Wentworth Avenue line.

Mr. Bailey was married July 29, 1891, to Miss Helen Blithe, daughter of Luther Edson and

Margaret Julia Isabella (Collins) Colsten. Mrs. Bailey was born April 28, 1868, in Great Bend, Pennsylvania, and came with her family to Chicago in 1872. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are: Helen Myrtle, born June 1, 1892, and George Elmer, April 29, 1895. Mr. Bailey is a member of Richard Cole Lodge No. 697, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Brighton Park Lodge No. 639, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also connected with Harmony Tent, Knights of the Maccabees.

Mr. Bailey is very well known among the citizens of the neighborhood where he resides, and is honored and respected by all who make his acquaintance, either in a business or social manner. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church of his locality, and is one of the most influential and valuable members of the congregation of which he is a part.

## AUGUST E. JACKSON.

**AUGUST EDWIN JACKSON.** Among the foremost and energetic in his line of business and reliable workmen is August Edwin Jackson. His paternal grandfather was Jacob Jacobson, and his father is Johannis Jacobson, who married Marie Jacobson. At the time of the birth of their son, August E. Jackson, March 22, 1866, they resided in the village of Kolsater, Sweden.

Johannis Jacobson was born September 7, 1833, in the village of Forsane, Sweden, and is still living in his native land. He is a skilled mechanic and has done contracting and building, being a tiller of the soil for a side occupation. His wife was born in October, 1828, in Kolsater. The children of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacobson are accounted for as follows: August Edwin, the eldest; Johannah Sophie, still single and residing in

Sweden; Edward Severin, born July 16, 1872, came to America in 1893 and made his home with his brother, the man whose name heads this article, until his death, which occurred August 3, 1898. Two daughters and a son died when very young.

August E. Jackson was the first of his father's family to emigrate from their native land and arrived in Chicago July 13, 1883. He had learned the trade of carpenter with his father and became very proficient, and is at present following this occupation.

Mr. Jackson was married August 22, 1893, to Miss Georgiana Turn. For ancestry of Mrs. Jackson note the biography of F. J. O. Turn, on another page of this work. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are as follows: George Arthur and Alice Edith, who are twins, born August 22,



1894; Edna Adalia, born November 15, 1895, and Hazel Maria Christina, May 29, 1897. Mr. Jackson is a member of Eclipse Lodge No. 404, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also connected with Excelsior Encampment No. 2, of

the same order. He is a member of the Swedish society "Iduna," of Chicago. He is a man of high principles and indestructible honor, beloved by all who know him and respected wherever he is known.

## JAMES B. WILSON.

**J**AMES B. WILSON. Among those who have been most closely identified with the history of Harvey and than whom no man is better known or possesses a wider circle of friends, is the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this article. A life-long employe of railroads, few men know the details of that traffic better than he. Born in Brechin, Scotland, December 31, 1848, he is a son of John Wilson, who was the mayor of the city of sixteen thousand inhabitants.

John Wilson was a foundryman and contractor, giving employment to many men, and was considered one of the larger and more successful manufacturers, and highly honored with a public position. Failure of Glasgow banks involved him, and his business interests were wrecked. Heretofore the family had lived in luxury but now it was necessary for them to earn their own living.

James B. Wilson, who was but a lad of fifteen years, entered the employ of the North British Railroad Company at Edinburgh, in the mechanical department, and by assiduous application rose in his superiors' estimation, receiving promotions in employment and increase in wages, so that in three years he was a fireman, running on the road for two years. He was timekeeper in Leith two years, and in 1867 came to America. The next few years were partly spent in Quebec and partly in the United States, reaching as far as

New Orleans, where he became mate on the historical Mississippi steamer, "Robert E. Lee," a position that required nerve and muscle, but it was a valuable school for him, and the lessons then learned have stood him in good stead at subsequent periods. This latter was shown at the time of the memorable railroad strike, when every effort was used to draw him away from the protection and interests of his employers, only to prove him a man not to be lightly trifled with or moved by bribe, coaxing or threats, even of personal violence. Returning to Quebec in 1869, his old friend, James Dakerman, manager of the telegraph company at Montreal, secured him a position as clerk in the locomotive foreman's office at Point St. Charles, from which time his relation with the company has remained unbroken. Two years later he was transferred to Hadlon Core, P. Q., later to Stratford, and in 1880 to the Chicago freight office. In 1883 he was in charge of out freight and in 1890 was sent to Harvey as agent of both the Grand Trunk and Illinois Central Railroads. The village was then but started, the country being open prairie, and he has seen it assume its present proportions.

His service has been faithfully given to the interest of the railroad, and while the details of office work have had his supervision, he has been responsible for much of the extensive business done by the Grand Trunk road at this place.

Ever accommodating and always to be found at his post of duty, he has made friends with every citizen and every manufacturing establishment. Thoroughly trusted by the officials of the road, he has been given carte blanche in matters of obtaining business, his contracts always meeting with approval.

While thoroughly given to the varied interests incident to his position, he has ever been alive to the broader interests of the community and holds the respect and confidence of the people to a high degree. A stanch Democrat, he and Jerry O'Rourke were for years the strength of that party in the town of Thornton, and he was for years central committeeman and delegate to the party's conventions, both local and state. He has preached Democracy in season and out of season, the result being great accessions to his party, until now it presents a most undeviating front to the opposition. Once when Jerry O'Rourke was withdrawn from the field of active proselyting, by his appointment as postmaster, Mr. Wilson was pictured in some facetious current literature as weeping on Jerry's shoulders and bemoaning the fact of his being all that was left of the party. With all these years of minority, they have been re-

cently favored with most remarkable success at the polls, electing the first Democrat as township assessor for forty-two years.

Mr. Wilson is interested in a patent switch, that it is thought will prove a most taking improvement for the various switches or tracks. He was married in 1872 in Quebec to Mariah O'Neill, a native of that province. Their family consisted of three daughters. Margaret, the oldest, died at the age of twenty-four years, December 14, 1897. She was a most popular young lady in Harvey, and has served as deputy postmaster under her father's old friend, Jerry O'Rourke. She had many excellent qualities that made her untimely death keenly felt among the wide circle of acquaintances. Luella, a young lady, resides at home with her parents. Messie died while a small child.

Mr. Wilson is a Free Mason, being a charter member of Meyic City Lodge. He is a breeder and fancier of homing pigeons, having a number of choice birds in his collection. Few men are more keenly alive to all that tends to the general advancement of Harvey than he, and none can number more and warmer friends among the citizens.

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## PASCAL ORRINY.

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**P**ASCAL ORRINY was at one time in the history of the great city one of Chicago's most energetic and influential citizens. He was born February 23, 1818, in Rochelle, France, and was a son of Pierre and Irene Orriny. He passed beyond the border November 10, 1893, in Chicago, and his remains were interred in Oakwoods Cemetery.

There were but two children in the family of Pierre Orriny. The elder son died on the ocean

while the family was making the voyage to America. While he was still in infancy, Pascal Orriny's mother died, and at the age of nine years he was taken by her brother to New Orleans. This uncle continued his journeying until he reached California in 1846, but Pascal remained in New Orleans and engaged in buying and selling barrel staves. In 1863 he removed to Cairo, Illinois, and followed the brick business one year.

In April, 1865, Mr. Orriny located in the city



of Chicago, becoming an employe of Matthew Laflin, and after two years entered the service of a manufacturer of elevators. His twenty-seven years of satisfactory enlistment in the interests of the last-named employe proves the honesty and integrity of purpose of which the man was possessed, and his example is one worthy the emulation of the youth of the present time, as representing the efforts of a man devoted to his duty, and commanding the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. For a greater part of the time spent in the interests of the Neely manufactory, he was foreman and his services were well appreciated by his superiors in the immense business concern.

May 18, 1849, Mr. Orriny was married to Miss May Margaret, daughter of Herman and Mary Lutjmeier. Mrs. Orriny was born September 29, 1838, in the village of Hoyer, Hanover, Germany. Her father immigrated to America about 1840, and located in New Orleans. In 1856 the family removed to Matteson, Cook County, Illinois, and from there in 1868 to Marysville, Kansas. Here, in 1873, Mr. Lutjmeier died at the

age of seventy-five years. His wife died prior to the Civil War, and he married a second wife. Her only child is Sophia, who married Fred Stooks and lives in Marysville, Kansas. Mr. Lutjmeier was a shoemaker by trade, but also followed the occupation of farmer.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Orriny are as follows: Henry Ranson, of whom further mention is made in this volume; Emma Armontine, who married William H. Gray, and resides at No. 6827 Perry Avenue, at which place Mr. Gray was born; Lily Pascal, who married David Edwards, and died at the age of twenty-three years, leaving one child, Irene Emma. Mrs. Pascal Orriny resides at No. 425 South Normal Parkway.

Pascal Orriny was reared an Episcopalian and remained true to the teachings of his forefathers. He was never an office-seeker in political affairs, but was interested in the principles and welfare of the Democratic party. He was an honest and God-fearing man, beloved by his family and friends, and his loss was mourned by all who were among his acquaintances.

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## HENRY W. KRUGER.

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**H**ENRY WILLIAM KRUGER. Among the young and enterprising citizens of Chicago many are self-made, and are, therefore, stronger in character and standing than those born to affluence and wealth. Henry W. Kruger was born February 6, 1870, and though still a young man has proven his ability to make his way in the world. His parents resided on Sedgwick Street at the time of his birth. For his ancestry see biography of Henry William Kruger, senior.

The subject of this notice attended the Clark, Marquette and Raymond Schools, and was a short time at the Armour Institute. He left school

and began life for himself at the age of fourteen years. He subsequently entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company as receiving clerk and occupied this position two years. He was then employed by Swift & Company, in whose service he still continues. Here he was general office clerk and has earned several promotions, holding among other responsible stations those of invoice clerk and paymaster, and is now occupying the position of timekeeper.

August 11, 1894, Mr. Kruger was married to May Neil Connon, a daughter of John and Christina (Low) Connon, of whom extended mention

is made on another page of this work. Mrs. Kruger was born June 10, 1870, in Aberdeen, Scotland. Her parents emigrated from their native land and came to America in 1872. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kruger are: William Connon, who was born June 24, 1895, and Henry Neil, born May 19, 1897.

Mr. Kruger has never sought prominence in politics, but is a staunch upholder of the principles of the Republican party. He is an honorable and upright young man, and one who inspires confidence in the hearts of all who have dealings with him, whether in a social or business manner.

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## JOHN F. HECTOR.

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JOHN FRANCIS HECTOR, for more than half a century a resident of Chicago, was born November 13, 1846, in the Province of Trier, Prussia, Germany. His father, Philip Hector, was born November 1, 1814, in the village of Pacheu, Province of Trier, Germany, and died April 25, 1896, in Chicago. He was a son of Peter Hector.

April 6, 1847, Philip Hector set out with his family, from the shore of his native land, and after a voyage of three months on a sailing vessel, landed at New Orleans, Louisiana. The family then included two children: Mary and John Francis. They traveled by river boat from New Orleans to Cincinnati, whence they proceeded to Chicago.

In his native land Mr. Hector had been employed as a laborer about iron mills. In the spring of 1848 he settled at Blue Island, where he remained about twelve years. He was at first employed in railroad construction, and his good wife aided him in getting a start in the new world by keeping boarders. During two years he lived on and tilled a farm where the present town of Harvey stands. This he sold and moved to Chicago and retired from active labor. He purchased five lots on South Ashland Avenue, on which stood a small house, and built two houses on these lots, which he rented.

Philip Hector was married on Shrove Tuesday

of the year 1834 to Miss Mary Wolff, a daughter of Peter and Barbara (Jacobs) Wolff. Mrs. Hector was born September 25, 1810, in the village of Reiling, Province of Trier. Her father served seven years in the Napoleonic wars, and died from the effects of a bullet wound, after lying in the hospital nine months. The bullet which caused his death is now preserved by the daughter of John F. Hector. During part of his army service he was in France, and the balance of the time in Germany. At the time of his demise, in 1825, he was about forty years old. He was a shoemaker by trade. Mrs. Hector is his eldest child. The others were: Peter, Barbara, Jacob, Elizabeth, Eugene and Anna. Barbara Jacobs was three times married. Her first husband was killed by accident in a stone yard, leaving one child, who died in infancy. Peter Wolff was her second husband. The third left one child, named Barbara. Peter Wolff's father was also named Peter, and had children named Francis, Andrew, Nicholas and Peter. Mrs. Philip Hector's maternal grandfather, Lorenz Jacobs, had children named: Michael, Nicholas and Barbara.

Philip Hector and wife had the following children: Mary, John F., Jacob, Andrew, Peter, Frederick, Charles, Elizabeth and Katherine. All except Andrew and Elizabeth are still living. The family through many generations has ad-



hered to the Roman Catholic Church. Philip Hector was a Republican throughout his citizenship in the United States.

John Francis Hector remained with his father until he was twenty-eight years of age. He learned the stone-mason's trade, and for a period of thirty-five years was employed by the Illinois Steel Company. During the last two years he has been engaged in the service of Peter Biesen, a sidewalk contractor.

He was married September 23, 1874, to Miss Louise Elizabeth Biesen, whose ancestry is given in the biography of Peter Biesen, in this work. Her children were as follows: Emily Isabella, born July 25, 1875, died March 17, 1879; Mary Barbara, May 17, 1877; Lucy Gertrude, August

17, 1879, died November 25, same year; Clara Frances, December 18, 1880; Theresa Agnes, April 10, 1883, died March 14, 1884; Bruetta Laviuia Illinois, January 15, 1884; John George Adam, May 27, 1887; Robert Stephen Charles, May 6, 1890, died February 29, 1892; Lillian Anna, July 14, 1893, died July 30 of the same year.

In 1875 Mr. Hector erected a handsome home at No. 1330 Thirty-third Street, where he has since resided. He is an active member of the Roman Catholic Church, and of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is recognized and respected as a useful member of society in the district where he resides, and still has many years of usefulness before him.

## ANDREW G. SWANSON.

**A**NDREW GUSTAV SWANSON, prominent among those of the Swedish nation who have for various and peculiar reasons taken up their residence in the great city of Chicago, was born February 19, 1852, in Fjellane, Province of Vermland, Sweden. His parents were Swan and Anna Mary (Nelson) Swanson and were both worthy and highly respected people. The paternal grandfather of Andrew Gustav Swanson was Lars Swanson and his children were: Jonas, Swan, Kiser and John. The last-named son still occupies the old homestead and keeps the place in fine condition. The maternal grandfather was Nels Nelson, and his children were Anna Mary and Grenella.

Swan Swanson died July 22, 1897, at the age of seventy-two years. He never emigrated from his native land and was a tiller of the soil. His wife died August 28, 1883, at the age of sixty-two years. His children were: Mary, Andrew

Gustav, Nils Johann (see biography on another page of this work), Carolina, who married Gust Danielson and lives in Michigan; Edwin, who has for seven years kept a catering establishment at No. 2400 Wentworth Avenue; Louis, who married Bertha Anderson and still resides in his native land; Otto, who is with his brother; Edwin and Bertha, the latter of whom married Gust Carlson and still lives in Sweden.

Andrew G. Swanson was the first of his father's family to emigrate, and landed in New York, traveling straight through the country to Ishpeming, Michigan, arriving there June 13, 1873. He was employed in the iron mines two years. That is the region of mines and lumber camps, and Mr. Swanson also spent one year employed in one of the latter.

He came to Chicago in April, 1876. The first work Mr. Swanson did in Chicago was in the service of E. A. Shedd & Company, now the



Knickerbocker Ice Company. He drove a wagon for this company five and one-half years and subsequently entered the employ of Anderson, Freeman & Company, now connected with and a part of the Knickerbocker Ice Company. He remained thus occupied until January, 1888, when he was given a position as gripman by the Chicago City Railway Company and still retains this place, filling it creditably.

Mr. Swanson was married April 12, 1883, to Miss Hannah, daughter of Joyce and Phoebe (Jenson) Johnson. Mr. Swanson was born June 22, 1858, in Sweden, and came to Chicago in 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson make a worthy couple, with congenial spirits, and both have strength of character and nobility of mind that

causes the respect of everyone who comes in contact with their hospitable natures. Their children are as follows: George William, born April 13, 1884; Annie, February 15, 1886, died June 17, 1890; Lillie Matilda, February 16, 1888; Annie Josephine, February 4, 1890; and Hazel Isabella and Helen Elizabeth, twins, July 22, 1896.

Mr. Swanson is a member of J. Ward Ellis Lodge No. 447, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also connected with General Custer Council No. 129, Royal League. He is a consistent member of the Swedish Lutheran Church, where his services and valuable influence are recognized and he is honored by all others of the congregation.

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## JOHN SYMONS.

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**J**OHN SYMONS. Of those successful business men and citizens who have taken part in the political as well as business pursuits of Chicago, and made a success of whatever they undertook, is John Symons. His school education was limited, but in the college of experience he became an apt scholar. He was born May 6, 1862, on a farm near Lockport, Illinois. For his ancestry see the biographies of Alexander Symons and James Storms.

At the age of fifteen years he left school, and for two years was employed on the farm of Alexander Storms. He next came to Chicago and was in the service of his uncle, John L. Storms, in Hyde Park (see biography of John L. Storms in this work), and with him learned the trade of calcimining and paper-hanging. Two years subsequently he began business for his own interest, and did contract work, with headquarters at his father's house, No. 7410 Langley Avenue. He was always a very ambitious man and

when business in his line was dull he did not hesitate to turn his hand to other, even though not so pleasant, work. At such time he was employed by Mr. Everett, a dealer in coal, and one year had charge of the ice business of Mr. Everett. For one year he was in the service of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, first as gateman and later as baggage master.

Mr. Symons was one year patrolman on the Hyde Park police force and then entered the fire department of the city, and after three months was promoted to the position of captain of the Grand Crossing Engine Company, abandoning this pursuit after one year for a position as assistant health officer in Hyde Park, under Dr. Stebbins, which he held for the same length of time. At the time of the reign of pleuro-pneumonia among cattle he was made deputy-sheriff to accompany the inspectors in Cook County to locate the origin of the disease. After seven months he was made bailiff of the county court, under

Sheriff Watson, and occupied the office two years. In the spring of 1891 he was elected for a term of one year to the office of supervisor of the town of Hyde Park, and in 1892 was elected town assessor, being re-elected in 1893.

In the spring of the year 1894 Mr. Symons opened a coal yard in West Pullman and since that time has conducted a first-class business, being very successful. He has the finest equipped yards in the vicinity, and is prepared to take contracts for building material or any kind of fuel. In 1896 he removed his residence to this section, and built the Symons block at Nos. 12003-5 Halsted Street, in 1898. This three-story building is partly occupied by the West Pullman postoffice. In 1896 he built his residence, which is located at No. 11941 Lowe Avenue.

June 24, 1896, Mr. Symons was married to Miss Dolly Grace, daughter of William MacSwain, whose biography appears in this work. Their only child is named Grace Carrie. Mr. Symons is connected with Colfax Lodge No. 198, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a charter member of West Pullman Lodge of the Home Forum Benefit Order, and of Logan Council of the North American Union. His political sympathies are with the Republican party and he has served its cause well. He has at all times proven himself to be a true business man and a gentleman, fair in his dealings with his fellow-men, being beloved alike by family and friends. He sanctions all moves tending toward the uplifting of the minds of the people, and is a strong mover in all charitable interests.

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## GEORGE W. BLOOM.

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**G**EORGE WASHINGTON BLOOM was born in Canton, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1822. His grandfather, George Bloom, came from Germany during the Revolutionary War as a soldier in the service of Great Britain. He was taken prisoner early in that war and before its close was found doing service on the side of the Americans. He afterward settled in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, where Elisha, father of George, was born and lived a farmer during his life, which came to its honorable close in 1881. His wife was Beersheba Blakesley.

George W. Bloom lived in his native county until 1850, when he removed to the new country and almost wilderness of Sauk County, Wisconsin, where he was a pioneer and is still a member of the pioneer society. His home was near Greenfield, and five years later he removed to Baraboo. In 1856 he purchased quite a tract of

timber land, where the village of Freedom now stands, and in 1860 removed to it and erected a sawmill and started the village of Bloom Station (now Freedom).

He built a sawmill in the spring of 1868, which he operated for some twenty-four years and did an extensive lumber business. He employed a considerable force of men in his lumbering and farming enterprises, and was the means of building up a thriving and intelligent community, of nearly a thousand population. He erected his mills there before the railroad was built, and another station being laid out, it was doubtful about his securing a station; but having wide personal acquaintance and being a particular friend of the chief engineer he secured the station which assured the continued growth of his village. He was the active spirit and financial supporter of every enterprise, and constructed a general store and operated it extensively along with a feed



mill, invested in lumber lands, built schools and churches and in many ways the result of his energy and influence is plainly revealed in the present condition of that village and the surrounding country.

Coming into the wilderness with little capital, he knew its hardships and privations. To add to the difficulty, while scoring timber for his father-in-law's house, his right arm was accidentally and severely injured by an axe in the hands of a fellow-workman. For nearly a year he lost the use of that arm, yet in that time he put thirty acres of land into wheat and at its ripening assisted in harvesting it with one arm in a sling. This crop he hauled one hundred twenty-five miles, to Milwaukee, selling it for fifty cents per bushel, which barely paid expenses incident to the trip itself. Many similiar disadvantages were encountered, and while they seemed and really were great obstacles to progress, they were not insurmountable and it lay in the hardy pioneer's power to overcome them and in time to some extent to come off victorious. At the completion of the railroad better market was had for wood and produce, and more prosperous times were at hand. Valuable improvements and establishments grew up around him, so that in the course of thirty years he found himself in easy circumstances.

Realizing the possibilities of the suburbs of the magic city, in 1892 he invested largely in real estate at Harvey and at once made that his home. He immediately began to erect substantial improvements in the shape of double brick stores and residences, and to these he has in the last few years devoted his whole attention, largely in connection with coal and wood yards, which he has conducted two years. Mr. Bloom has ever affiliated with the Republican party and while residing in the old Wisconsin home was an active participator in the official life of that town, serving it as supervisor and in the minor offices.

His family relations have been of the pleasantest character. His first marriage was January 20, 1847, to Harriet Wilkinson, who was a fitting advisor and helpmate to a man of ambition and determination. Together they strove and

economized in those early days and united affluence and ease were theirs. Sharing the privations and difficulties of pioneer life with him, her influence reached every home about her, and few women ever lived in that part of Sauk County who were more truly loved or more universally lamented when passed away to life's other shore. She died October 7, 1890, and was buried on the 10th—just forty years, to a day, from the date of their location at Baraboo. She was the mother of five children, who are accounted for as follows: Deborah J. died at the age of nine years; Selinda D. married Charles W. Clark, and resides at Baraboo; William H. is a real-estate dealer at Watertown, South Dakota; James E. died in infancy; and Hattie F. is the wife of Hart Veerhusen, a grocer at Harvey.

Some two years later Mrs. Nancy Hudson, wife of the late James Hudson, of Janesville, Wisconsin, and whose maiden name was Stone, became Mrs. Bloom, and together this genial couple are passing in comfort their declining years, surrounded by many warm friends. Mr. Bloom has found time to see something of this great country. Health somewhat failing in 1860, he took the overland trip to Pike's Peak, with a freighting train from Council Bluffs. This was at a time when the Indians were on the war path, and trains both ahead and behind were attacked, but the one he was on was left unmolested, owing to the number on board.

In pursuit of the abundant game in early days, he became an expert hunter, and has the record of killing "Old Golden," the largest deer ever killed in that section of Wisconsin, which weighed two hundred fifty-two pounds, dressed. He killed sixteen deer in one season, and has a record of forty prairie chickens in one afternoon. Lack of space precludes further details of a life that affords abundant material for interesting narratives, illustrative of the true pioneer life that has gone over, never to be repeated in the country's history. These lives afford valuable examples and lessons to the young of to-day, who could read the stories with profit and would be materially benefited had they the personal acquaintance of such men as Mr. Bloom.



## CAPT. CHRISTIAN SCHIMMELS.

CAPT. CHRISTIAN SCHIMMELS, of Fire Engine Company No. 25, is a native Chicagoan and has done much for the general interests of the city, and especially in regard to the success of the department in which he has been interested since 1864. He has lived his entire life in the city, having been born here May 11, 1845, and never going out of the state of Illinois, and seldom out of Chicago. He has grown with the city and has seen it at all stages of its history. His parents were Jacob and Margaret (Smith) Schimmels, and resided at the corner of Desplaines and Meridian Streets at the time of the birth of their son. The latter has lived in but two different houses beside that one. He has a photograph of the house he was born in, which he prizes as a souvenir of the early days of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schimmels were both natives of Prussia, and born on the River Rhine.

Mrs. J. Schimmels was born in Betterfeld, Trier, in 1810, while her husband was born in Graes Down, Trier, in 1808, and they were married in Prussia in 1835. Mr. Schimmels was a member of an old and well-known family in his native land, and attended the parish school. He later learned the trade of carpenter and was occupied with it many years, in the different branches. In 1843, with his wife and three children, he came to America, six weeks being occupied in making the trip. They settled in Chicago and Mr. Schimmels began to work at his trade, soon becoming a contractor in the city. There was

plenty to be found to do in the thriving, growing city, and being a typical representative of his native land, with his rugged, energetic temperament, he was soon recognized at his worth. He was the first German carpenter in the city to have men employed under his direction. He was the contractor for the construction of the first German Catholic Church in Chicago, St. Peter's, on Washington Street, between Fifth Avenue and Franklin Street.

He retired from active life in the labor world in 1863, and died in the city January 30, 1877. His good wife survived him until May 14, 1878, both reaching the age of seventy years. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Schimmels, the three youngest were born in Chicago and the following are now living: Christian, of this sketch; Caroline, wife of Anthony Enzenbacher; and Lena, wife of M. J. Lillig, all of Chicago.

Christian Schimmels was educated in St. Peter's German parish school. He attended the Foster public school from 1857 to 1862. Subsequent to this time he tried the carpenter's trade, being employed two years with his father. In 1864 he joined the fire department under his brother, Capt. Peter Schimmels, and in 1869 was promoted to captain. He has continuously been in the service since that time and is deservedly popular. In the great fire of 1871 he worked faithfully, long and well, doing more than his duty in working sixty-five consecutive hours, without sleep or rest.

Captain Schimmels has never taken special in-

terest in politics, being independent in voting in local affairs. He has been twice married, taking for his first wife Elizabeth Hasser, by whom he had three children: Lena, wife of J. P. Daliedan; Jacob J., who married Miss May Kurtz; and Katie, who died in childhood. Mrs. Schimmels died October 28, 1885.

May 11, 1895, Captain Schimmels married Nettie Bean, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, born March 12, 1861, who belongs to an old New England family. They were married in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, and are con-

nected with St. Francis Church, of the same denomination. Captain Schimmels is well known on the West Side, where he has resided his entire life, and is an extensive property owner. He is an acknowledged authority on all matters regarding fire and has kept a complete record of all fires, as to box and other details, since 1869. The city records of fires kept previous to 1871 were burned in the great fire of that year, and Captain Schimmels' record was the only one then extant, and has enabled the department to make an authentic record of the fires of 1871.

## ALMON A. STAFFORD.

**A**LMON ALMERON STAFFORD. It requires ambition to follow any occupation to success in Chicago, and no man is possessed with more natural ability and stamina than the excellent manager and horseman whose name heads this article. Almon Almeron Stafford was born November 5, 1844, in Elizabethtown, New York. For his ancestors, see biography of F. P. Stafford on another page of this work.

He began life for himself in 1862, when he was employed one year on a farm. In 1863, in the early spring, he went to Fort Henry, but in the summer he removed to Nevada, and was employed by his brother in Washington City. After two months he entered into partnership with his brother in furnishing timber for mines, and after two months extended the business by establishing a branch in Virginia City. In December, 1869, he returned to his former home in New York, and purchased a farm of one hundred forty acres in that state. After three years he sold this and became occupied with teaming in Westport, New York.

In the spring of the year 1874 he came to Chicago and entered the employ of the Chicago

City Railway Company, as foreman in charge of all teams used by that company. He was transferred to the Archer Avenue car barns as foreman, and after one year was driver and later conductor until 1877. He then secured a position with the Wilson Sewing Machine Company, as driver of their six-horse team. This was a very difficult team to manage and was made up of the best horses in the state of Illinois, of Norman stock. They drew a load on an average of one hundred machines. The man who had driven them previously was killed by a runaway accident. Mr. Stafford is an excellent horseman, understanding horse flesh perfectly, and ruled them with a will of iron, using the best judgment at all times with regard to the management of the team. He was in the service of this company five years, and eighteen months prior to the time he left it entered into a partnership with his brother, F. P. Stafford. They conducted an express business at Grand Crossing, and after one year A. A. Stafford purchased the interest of his brother, and April 1, 1894, sold the whole concern and started a boarding house at No. 2226 Wabash Avenue. In the fall of the same year he



returned to Grand Crossing and resumed teaming. He has continued in the same business up to the present time, contracting for teaming and doing expressing in general.

Mr. Stafford was married May 2, 1871, to Esther Jane, daughter of Enoch and Susanna (Bard) Gregory. Mrs. Stafford was born in Ferrisburg, Addison County, Vermont, and came west in the spring of 1875. Her mother's ancestors came to Vermont from Poughkeepsie, New York, and were Quakers. Her maternal grandfather, William Bard, married Miss Deborah Cronkright, whose parents were natives of Germany. Mrs. Stafford's paternal ancestors were of Scotch lineage and her grandfather was John Gregory, who was born in North Carolina. He ran away at the age of eleven years and went to sea, remaining on the ocean eight years. He

subsequently married a Miss Van Curler, who was possessed of some wealth.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford are deceased. Bert Thomas was born April 30, 1873, and died January 9, 1875. Reynor, who was born October 30, 1879, died April 14, 1880.

Mr. Stafford was connected with the Masonic Order at Westport, New York, joining Sisco Lodge No. 259, and was later demitted and joined Apollo Lodge No. 642, Chicago. He is a charter member of Grand Crossing Lodge No. 776. Mr. Stafford is greatly interested in Temperance work and is a constituent member of a Good Templar lodge in Chicago. He is vice-president of the Workingman's Republican Club of the Thirty-fourth ward, but is an independent thinker, being ever guided in action by calm judgment.

## CHARLES SODERBERG.

**C**HARLES SODERBERG. Many of the most capable business men of Chicago are not in business, but are hidden under a primary occupation and are managers of the business of some other man, whose name gets all the fame, and reaps all the success which is altogether due to the excellence of character and ability of the one behind the scenes. Charles Soderberg, who was born April 14, 1858, in the city of Westervik, Sweden, is the son of Charles Frederick Anderson and Anna Christina (Moland) Anderson, of Sweden.

Charles Frederick Anderson, father of the man whose name heads this article, died in January, 1896, at the age of eighty-three years. He was a painter and a maker of shoes. His wife died at the age of twenty-nine years, when their son, Charles, was but three years old.

Charles Frederick Anderson married for his

second wife a lady who bore him three children: Emil, who emigrated from his native land and located in Brooklyn, New York; Amand and Sexton. Charles Soderberg reached Chicago October 20, 1880, and learned the trade of calimining, painting and paper-hanging. His first work in that line was done in Pullman, where he was occupied at general jobbing until the spring of the year 1881. He then secured a position with Olson & Samuelson, who were located at the corner of Larrabee and Division Streets. The following year he was sick, but after his recovery returned to his former employers and continued until 1884. He then entered into business with Mr. Samuelson, and after one year interested with him, continued one year by himself. For eleven years subsequently he was foreman for Oleson Brothers, located at No. 2624 Princeton Avenue. Later he occupied the position of fore-



man for Perkins Brothers, at the corner of Cottage Grove Avenue and Twenty-sixth Street, six years.

Charles Soderberg was married February 19, 1887, to Emma Trauberg, daughter of John and Christine (Boline) Trauberg. Mrs. Soderberg was born June 14, 1865, in Sweden, and came to America in 1882. Their seven children are as follows: Emma Alvina, Jennie Hildegard, Esther Olivia, Bertha Christina (deceased), Charles Oscar and Bertha Christina.

Mr. Soderberg is a member of the North Star Order, and was a charter member of the Iduna,

Lodge No. 4. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Painters, Union No. 191, which is made up of painters and paper-hangers. Though never seeking public office or prominence in political matters, Mr. Soderberg is a strong upholder of the principles of the Republican party, and at all opportunities supports the candidates of that party by his vote and voice. He is one of the most ambitious men of his class who reside in the city of Chicago at the present time, and though he has not gained an immense fortune, he has managed his financial affairs well and his efforts are worthy of emulation.

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## FREDERICK STELTER.

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**F**REDERICK STELTER, who has for many years been a quiet, law-abiding citizen of the city of Chicago, was born November 11, 1832, in the village of Detmold, Westphalia, Prussia. His parents were Frederick and Minnie (Brandt) Stelter, and he is the only one of his father's family who emigrated from their native land.

Frederick Stelter, senior, was one of five children: Conrad, Henry, Amalie and Florentina being the other four. He was born in 1802, and died in the year 1875. He was a land-owner and farmed his own property. His wife was born in 1798, and died in 1860. Her children were Augusta and Frederick. The former never left her native land and married Frederick Niebur. One of her children, Louis Niebur, came to America and now resides near Seward, Nebraska. He has a brother, Gustav, who is a priest in the German Lutheran Church and resides in Colorado.

Frederick Stelter, whose name heads this biography, reached Chicago in December, 1867. His first work in this section was on a farm, and

he was later employed in a sawmill in Michigan. He subsequently located a catering establishment at No. 265 West Kinzie Street, with Ferdinand Sander as partner. The concern continued five years under the name of Stelter & Sander. For four years Mr. Stelter conducted a like establishment at the corner of Curtis Street and Austin Avenue, and then removed to No. 6064 State Street, where he continued in the same capacity until 1886, when he started a boarding house, which he kept until 1890. He has since been located at No. 6560 Michigan Avenue.

Mr. Stelter was married April 7, 1870, to Miss Minnie, daughter of Simon and Henriette (Brockmann) Meyer. Mrs. Stelter was born in the same neighborhood as her husband, in Germany, November 25, 1844, and emigrated from her native land in 1868. Her children were named as follows: Annie Minnie Laura, born February 10, 1871, died August 3, 1887; Emma, born February 5, 1873, and Frederick, January 15, 1875.

Mr. Stelter and family are connected with the Christian Church, and he is independent in politics, voting for the man, instead of for the party.

## PETER P. REISENHUS.

PETER PETERSEN REISENHUS, president of the American Glove Company, and one of Chicago's successful and progressive business men, is a native of Denmark. He is the eldest of a family of three sons and one daughter born to Hans Christian Petersen and Ellen C. (Petersen) Reisenhus. The family name comes from a mansion called Reisenhus, on a large estate situated eighteen miles from the east coast of Jutland, Denmark, which was owned for several generations by the family, and when the father of the subject of this sketch was born, Hans C. P. Reisenhus was a soldier in the Danish army, during the war of 1864 with Germany. He is now living in Fövling, Jutland, where his wife died several years ago.

Peter P. Reisenhus was born May 16, 1859, at Undrup in the peninsula of Jutland, Denmark. When he was seven years old his parents moved to Fövling, where he attended the common school until the age of fourteen years. He was then sent to the city of Horsens and apprenticed for five years to a large mercantile establishment. During four years of that time he attended a commercial college, where he learned the English and German languages, bookkeeping and correspondence. He thus acquired a thorough practical knowledge of correct business methods. After his term of service expired he spent six months with another similar concern, and then engaged with Jacob Moller & Company, a large firm of distillers, as English correspondent and general office man. Their trade being almost ex-

clusively with Great Britain; he thus became acquainted with many business men of that country, as well as renewing the acquaintance of several of his schoolmates who were filling positions in English commission houses. He remained with the above firm about six months and then visited his parents, spending a couple of weeks among his friends. In May, 1880, he went to Newcastle, England, thence to Liverpool, where he accepted a temporary position as assistant clerk in a commission house, remaining two months.

Finding that opportunities in the English seaport were not as great as he expected, he acted on the advice of a friend and bought a ticket to Philadelphia, from which city he continued his journey to Chicago, where his friend occupied a lucrative position. He arrived in Chicago September 1, 1880, with two dollars in his pocket and borrowed three dollars, that he might pay a week's board in advance. Two days later he began work in the shipping department of the Munson Belting Company, where he worked at a small salary several months. He spent his evenings for two years attending night school at the Scandia College, then in existence, and located on Morgan Street, near Grand Avenue. Thus he became capable of taking up work for which his previous training had prepared him. In February, 1881, he secured a position as bookkeeper for the firm of Mattson & Aeppli and remained in their employ until they failed, January 4, 1890.



Having resolved to enter business on his own account, he had, during his years of labor for others, made it a rule to save a part of his earning for future investment. In February, 1890, in company with his brother, Henry Reisenhus, and others, he organized the American Glove Company, under the laws of this state, and was made president and treasurer. At first they did a jobbing trade, with an office at No. 507 North Robey Street. The following year they built a small one-story building at their present location and began the manufacture of gloves and mittens, with a small force. The business has grown under the judicious management of Mr. Reisenhus, and their premises were enlarged from time to time. In 1891 they built their present plant at Nos. 325 to 331 Bloomingdale Avenue, and their trade has grown to meet their added advantages. They now employ about seventy-five people in the factory and have six traveling salesmen. The territory in which their product is used reaches as far east as Wheeling, West Vir-

ginia, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It includes the states of Michigan, Ohio, part of Kentucky, Louisiana, Texas, Missouri, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois. Peter P. Reisenhus is president and treasurer of the company, his brother, H. P. Reisenhus, being secretary.

The subject of this sketch was married in Chicago, in 1885, to Miss Katie H. Jensen, who was born at Thorup, Jutland, Denmark. They are the parents of one son, James Arthur. Mr. Reisenhus is a member of Covenant Lodge No. 526, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has held all the important offices in the subordinate lodge of the latter and is also a member of Victory Encampment No. 108, of which he was one of the organizers. During the life of this body of Odd Fellows he has at two different times held the office of Chief Patriarch, and was in 1898 elected representative to the Grand Encampment and is at present the Deputy of that grand body.

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## JAMES MORAN.

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**J**AMES MORAN, who is one of the most energetic and active citizens of Chicago, was born December 18, 1856, at the old Bridgeport lime kiln, in that city. He is of the enterprising character which is invariably to be found in the race of which he is a descendant. His parents, Patrick and Mary (O'Brien) Moran, were natives of Ireland.

Patrick Moran was born in Sligo, Ireland, and died in 1862, in Chicago, at the age of sixty-two years. His wife died in 1866, aged forty-seven years. This couple was united in their native land and came to America in 1851. They resided in New York five months and subsequently journeyed on to Chicago. Patrick Moran was em-

ployed in the Huff slaughter house, and continued there until his death, when he was mourned by his relatives and many friends. Mrs. Moran had some brothers, who reside in Bloomington, Illinois, at the present writing. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Moran were named as follows: Mary, John, William, James and Annie.

James Moran attended the Holden School until he reached the age of thirteen years. He then entered the Bridgeport Rolling Mills, where he earned steady promotion. In 1879 he went to Joliet, where he spent some time working in the mills, and on his return to Chicago resumed his former employment. In May, 1892, he entered the service of the Illinois Central Railroad Com-



pany, as special policeman. He was subsequently interested in various enterprises until August 3, 1895, when he established a coal business at No. 747 East Sixty-fourth Street, and has since been located, in his own interests, at this point.

Mr. Moran is a member of Tent Apollo, Knights of the Maccabees, and is highly respected by his brothers in the order. He is a refined and educated gentleman, and stands high in the estimation of all who know him.

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## JOHN C. STOFFREGEN.

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JOHN CONRAD STOFFREGEN, who is a type of the German-American citizen, is a most enterprising business man, having all the vitality and force characteristic of his race, and, though not born in the Land of the Free, is loyal to its interests. He was born October 15, 1853, in Hanover, Germany, a son of Henry Stoffregen. For mention of his ancestry refer to the article on the life of T. F. Stoffregen, on another page of this work.

Mr. Stoffregen came to America with his parents in 1867, reaching Chicago in July of that year. He was first employed in the sash, door and blind factory of Hall & Winch, located on Clark Street, near Twelfth Street. After being thus occupied three years he entered the service of Paul Kleinert, a hotel keeper. He was with Mr. Kleinert from 1871 to 1878.

At this time Mr. Stoffregen visited Colorado with the idea of engaging in mining. This venture was very successful and he made a strike of five thousand dollars for his first important move. He later received fifteen thousand as his share in another strike, and remained in the West until 1884. On his return to Chicago he started a liquor establishment at the southwest corner of Sixty-first and Halsted Streets, and subsequently sold it to Charles Wirth. In May, 1891, he opened a like business on Archer Avenue, which he conducted until May, 1894. Since that time he has been retired from active business. He is

the owner of the property at Nos. 2032-34 Archer Avenue, which is improved by frame buildings.

In 1888 Mr. Stoffregen purchased a two-story flat building at No. 6208 Morgan Street, and rents one flat, while he occupies the other with his family. He retains an interest in a mine on Clear Creek, Lake County, Colorado. He was first married in September, 1884, to Minnie, daughter of Henry Engle. She was born in Germany and died in this country in 1885. For his second wife he married, March 10, 1886, Miss Elizabeth Bliss, daughter of Christopher Bliss, a native of Illinois. She died May 6, 1888. February 26, 1891, Mr. Stoffregen was married to Miss Anna, daughter of August and Amelia (Hossenritter) Vohl. She was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, October 9, 1873.

Mr. Stoffregen is a member of Hutton Lodge No. 398, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has passed through all the chairs. Mrs. Stoffregen is connected with Germania Lodge No. 45, Daughters of Rebekah, and is at present the Noble Grand of the lodge. She is a member of the German Order Isolde Verein, and has served for a time as financial secretary. Mr. Stoffregen votes in favor of the Republican party at all times, and has served as judge of election.

He is a fine example of the Americanized German of the best type, and though of small stature, is possessed of much vitality. He has the steadfastness of purpose and industry peculiar to his

race, and his success is proof of his progress since his first entrance into a business career. Death has seen fit to deprive him of his partner twice, but the present Mrs. Stoffregen is a model woman,

a very charming lady, who would grace any household. She is well educated and takes a lively interest in questions of the day and in civic societies.

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## VALENTINE RUSSER.

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**V**ALENTINE RUSSER, who was one of the most promising young men ever cut down by the Reaper—Death—was killed at Boone, Iowa, in the very prime of manhood, while making a journey to Denver, Colorado. He was born May 28, 1839, being twenty-nine years of age at the time of his death. He was a brass moulder and married a daughter of a very well-known and highly respected family. This lady, Mary Huguelet, was born in December, 1838, and is connected with the Chicago family of that name which is extensively represented in this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Russer became the parents of four children, of whom only one is now living. Louisa, the oldest, died at the age of twenty-four years. Julia lived to be eight years of age, and

Henry died when twenty-seven. He married Clara Reef, and their children were named Lily and Frances. John, the youngest of the number, was born March 5, 1862, and was married May 22, 1889, to Mary Davis. Their children are as follows: John Henry, born August 6, 1890; Gertrude Louisa, April 6, 1892; and Thomas Edward, January 7, 1893. The family of John Russer is a very interesting one, and each child shows good breeding and does credit to the rearing it has received.

Mr. Russer is a valued and respected employe in the jappanning department of the American Cycle Company. He has been with this concern three years and is skilled and competent in this line of business.

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## H. OLUF HANSEN.

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**H**OLUF HANSEN, who is very prominent in the business of manufacturing tobacco into twists and snuff, is also one of the most prominent politicians and workers for the city in his vicinity. He has held many public offices, and

is now the possessor and conductor of a successful business. Born November 30, 1844, in Denmark, he began at an early age to learn the trade of a sail maker. He served in the Danish navy for eleven months in 1864, and came to the United



States in May of the year 1867. He came direct to the city of Chicago, and during the first year of his residence in this city sailed on the Great Lakes.

He subsequently began to occupy himself at his chosen trade, and in 1873 obtained the position of foreman at the factory of David McCollum. Mr. Hansen then engaged in business for himself, at Nos. 206, 208 Milwaukee Avenue. After continuing four years, he was employed in the County Agent's office, as special agent to examine applicants for aid, being able to speak the German and Scandinavian languages. In 1879 he was water inspector and later division clerk and subsequently was appointed chief inspector, having fifty men in his charge.

In 1890 and 1891 he was West Town Collector, running ahead of his ticket about two thousand

votes at the election in 1890, and about three thousand in 1891. He refused a re-nomination the next year. For a period of about ten years he was on the County Democratic Committee, and has taken a great interest in political matters. He established his present business in 1885, and since 1892 has given it his entire attention. He is a past officer in the order of Knights of Pythias, and is now a member of Denmark Lodge No. 112, and is identified with Richard Yates Council, of the Royal Arcanum.

Nothing is more conducive to the success and happiness of a man than a congenial and helpful life companion. Such is the harmonious mind and character of the lady of refinement and culture whom Mr. Hansen obtained for a wife. In October, 1875, he was married to Miss Sophie F. N. Moller, a native of Denmark.

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## CHRISTOPH F. BAUM.

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**C**HRISTOPH FREDERICK BAUM. Germany loses many of her best citizens by her exacting military laws. In time of peace patriotism does not impel a man to waste three of the best years of his life in military drill and manoeuvre. If the Fatherland were threatened by a foreign foe thousands of America's best citizens would probably even now go to her defense.

Christoph Frederick Baum at the age of nineteen found himself with a trade on the threshold of an active business life, but compelled by the laws of his native land to practically sacrifice three years in the army. His thoughts reverted to our Land of the Free and his feet soon followed his thoughts, and he is to-day one of the most prominent business men in the metropolis of the West—Chicago.

He was born January 31, 1853, in the city of

Eschwege, Germany, a son of Jacob and Dorothea (Gebhardt) Baum. He attended school until fourteen years of age, obtaining a practical education, and subsequently learned the trade of weaver and became an expert in all its lines. He spent three years at this occupation. He was the only one of his father's family to emigrate from Germany, and reached Chicago November 8, 1872.

Having a taste for the business of a merchant, he purchased a lot of goods in the spring of 1873 and sold them throughout the country. He followed this line of business eighteen months, learning a great deal about the country in that time. In the fall of 1874 he entered the employ of A. P. Fiedler, located on North Avenue, dealer in and manufacturer of dress, cloak and hat trimmings. In 1875 he became foreman of the

concern and served thus until September, 1881. He then established a dress and cloak trimming business for his own interest on Fifth Avenue, having for a partner Amie Ernst, the firm name being Baum & Ernst. In January, 1884, Mr. Baum purchased his partner's interest, and conducted business under his individual name. In January of the next year he admitted G. P. Gerlach and Charles Wirths to partnership, the firm name becoming C. F. Baum & Company, and at the expiration of two years he again bought out his partners. Two years later he removed to Madison Street, and in January, 1894, he admitted John Lefrentz and Frank Wilhelm, and formed a corporation entitled The C. F. Baum Company. In November, 1897, John Lefrentz sold his interest and retired, owing to ill-health.

Mr. Baum was married February 8, 1876, to Caroline Kern, daughter of George Kern. Mrs. Baum is a native of Alsace, France (now in Germany), and came to America in 1873. Her birth occurred July 12, 1851, in the city of Thann. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baum were five in number and are accounted for as follows: Christoph Frederick Edward, born December 11, 1877, died October 29, 1892; Caroline, born May 4, 1879, died May 21, 1880; Oscar Gustav, born June 3, 1881, is employed in his father's office; Emil, born August 29, 1883, died November 29, 1883; Freda Blanche, born September 10, 1888, is a school girl, at home.

Mr. Baum is connected with Germania Lodge No. 182, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He has served in the offices of Junior and Senior Warden and First and Second Steward. He has never risen higher in the Masonic order because he believes that the bone and sinew of the order is found in the Blue Lodge. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baum are members of the Normal Park Chapter No. 211, Order of the Eastern Star, auxiliary to the Masons. He is connected with Schiller Lodge No. 15, Knights of Pythias, has held all offices in the lodge, and has represented it six terms in the Grand Lodge. He is independent in political views, voting for man rather than for

party. He was reared a Protestant and is true to the teachings of his fathers.

A great lover of music, Mr. Baum is a patron of musical organizations. He is an honorary member of two of the largest German singing societies in Chicago—the Sennefelder, of the North Side, of which he has been a member eighteen years, and the Frohsinn, of the South Side. Though he does not read music himself, he looks forward with pleasure to the concerts given by those organizations, and never misses them.

The goods of the C. F. Baum Company received highest award at the World's Fair, 1893. The line of business is peculiar, and there are not more than five first-class establishments in this line in the United States, two being in New York, one in Philadelphia and two in Chicago. Mr. Baum's house ranks second only to that of his old employer, A. P. Fiedler. The business occupies two stories at Nos. 220 to 228 East Madison Street, or floor space of ninety by three hundred eighty feet, all of which is completely occupied. The machinery used is of the latest design and consists of complete plants for braiding, spinning, weaving, knitting, covering and twisting—in short, all machinery necessary for all lines of textile work. The firm manufactures about twenty different lines of goods, among which may be mentioned, trimmings for ladies' and gentlemen's wear, military suits, braids of all kinds and millinery goods. The raw material is practically all imported—the silk coming from China and Japan, gold and silver from Germany, and mohair from England.

The concern has six traveling salesmen, who are on the road nearly all the year. When Mr. Baum came to America he was still in his minority and was under obligations to his parents. He therefore sent them part of his earnings, not because they particularly needed it nor that they exacted it, but from his sense of justice. He showed that a dutiful son could complete his majority away from home without the aid of his parents, and still fulfill the requirements of such a son, although thousands of miles removed from their loving presence.



He is now a man of domestic tastes and has a delightful home, magnificently furnished, located at No. 6543 Lafayette Avenue, where he has resided for the past nine years. His two children have every advantage that life and the improvements in the city of to-day can give them. The son assists his father in his office, and the daughter gives her attention to her studies and especially to music. That Mr. Baum is a natural leader

is demonstrated in his business career. He was not with his old employer long before he was managing the business. Such a man does not remain employed longer than pecuniary conditions require, and much time did not elapse until Mr. Baum was at the head of his own establishment. He is now in a leading position in the business of the country and has the best wishes of his friends.

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## PETER J. THORNUM.

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**P**ETER J. THORNUM. Many men in the great whirl of the business and social world of the city of Chicago are prominent in one line or manner, and obscure and unheard of in other enterprises. Eminent and honored is the one who succeeds in the political, business or social history of his time. Peter J. Thornum has made a place for himself in the political world, by strict attention to the local affairs of his neighborhood, and still stricter notice of the national matters concerning the people of his adopted country. He has been recognized as a leader, and partially recompensed with various offices in the gift of the people.

He has become well known in the business world by his enterprising dealings and a display of tact and trustworthiness to those with whom he has associated. Beginning on a small scale, he has been the head of a business which employed many men. He has become prominent socially through his attention and practical aid to fraternal organizations.

His parents reside in Denmark, where he was born March 10, 1844. He was reared in the region of his birth until he reached the age of fourteen years, and was then employed as cook on a vessel, leading the life of the average seaman

until seventeen years old, when he was promoted to mate. His history goes to show that he was bound to succeed in whatever he undertook. In 1862 he entered the United States navy, and continued in that service four years. In 1866 he sailed on the Great Lakes between Buffalo and New York, and in the same year he located in Chicago, still continuing on the Great Lakes, but making this city his home. In 1870, while mate of the vessel "Badger State," he was shipwrecked, and the vessel was lost, though the passengers were all rescued. He continued sailing until 1871, when he was again shipwrecked on the schooner "Sevant," which went down five miles from shore, and everyone on board was lost except Mr. Thornum, who was picked up by a passing vessel next morning. The vessel left Chicago the day of the never-to-be-forgotten conflagration of 1871, the weather at the time being very cold.

Mr. Thornum then abandoned life on the lakes and followed the occupation of painter, doing contracting, and employing many men in his business. He continued to be thus occupied until 1884, when he located in Winslow, Jackson & Talman's subdivision, erecting a residence on Seymour Street. In 1877 he removed the house to his

present location, at No. 704 West North Avenue. He was one of the first to locate on that street and, while still contracting for painting, in 1880, he engaged as agent for fire insurance and has continued in that business since. His store, established in 1877, was the first on North Avenue. He transacts more insurance business than any other agent in that part of the city. He represents the German of Freeport and the Milwaukee Mechanics' Insurance Companies.

In 1869 Mr. Thornum was married to Miss Christina Jepsen, a resident of Chicago, but a native of Denmark, having come to America at the age of twenty years. Their four children are named: Frederick, Emma, Selma and Thyra, and all reside at home. Fred is watchman for the Board of Education and Selma is attending the Chicago Business College.

Mr. Thornum always favored the Democratic

party with his influence, and has been water and building inspector, besides holding various other offices. In 1882 he was nominated for the office of state senator, as the opponent of William E. Mason. He is a member of Wicker Park Lodge No. 281, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been through the chairs. He is a member of the Danish Brotherhood, and many other societies. He was vice-president, representing the West Side, of the Democratic County Central Committee, with which he has been identified several years, at the same time that Charles Thornton was vice-president from the South Side. Mr. Thornum participates in all important political matters, and is authority on all happenings since his residence in Chicago. He is manager of the Chicago edition of the *Danish Pioneer*, the largest and most important Danish paper in America.

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## HENRY MALZACHER.

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**H**ENRY MALZACHER is a member of one of the oldest German-American families that settled in Chicago, if not the very first one that located permanently in this city. He enjoys the distinction of having been the first male child born in Chicago of German parents. He first opened his eyes to a view of this world December 7, 1836, on Lake Street, between La Salle and Wells Streets, the latter street being now Fifth Avenue. His parents were Louis and Mary (Beimann) Malzacher.

Louis Malzacher was a native of Alsace and came to America about 1826, locating in New Orleans. He was a carpenter by trade and remained in New Orleans until about 1832 or 1833, when he came to Chicago on account of yellow fever being epidemic in the former city. In this city he married Miss Mary Beimann and Henry

was the second child born to them, the first having died in infancy. Louis Malzacher worked at his trade a few years, and owing to failing health and eyesight, he engaged in keeping tavern, general store and saloon, or, as his son, Henry, now terms it, "a department store."

He was a successful business man and accumulated a large property. He died in Chicago in 1868, aged sixty-eight years, his wife surviving him until the spring of 1887. They were parents of eleven children, four of whom are still living, namely: Henry, the subject of this notice; Caroline, wife of Ferdinand Lott, of No. 697 Wells Street; Louis, of No. 655 North Park Avenue; and William L., of No. 2924 Armour Avenue.

Henry Malzacher received a part of his education in the Roman Catholic parish school and attended night school for a time. At the age of



fifteen years he began learning the trade of watchmaker and served an apprenticeship of three years. He was occupied at this trade a number of years, and up to 1868 was in the jewelry business at No. 160 North Clark Street, at which time he sold out on account of failing eyesight. He then engaged in dealing in flour, continuing until the fire of 1871, which destroyed the business.

Since that time he has not been in business on his own account, but has lived somewhat retired. He has taken considerable interest in public affairs and was elected, in 1884, south town clerk, and was subsequently for some time deputy

collector. He was at one time a Republican, but has supported the Democratic party since 1884. He is a member of the Chicago Turngemeinde and Germania Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias.

In 1866 Mr. Malzacher married Miss Vironaja Storch, who was born in Germany and came to Chicago at the age of four years. They had five children, two of whom are living, Ada and Henry. The mother died in 1879.

At the first German Old Settlers' picnic held in Chicago the mother of Mr. Malzacher was awarded a silver medal for being the first female German settler in Chicago.

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## AUGUST WENDEL.

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**A**UGUST WENDEL was born October 11, 1838, near the River Rhine, in the parish of Berkenfeldt, Groshertzog Akum Odenburg, Germany, and is a son of Carl and Caroline (Kohlmann) Wendel, who had ten children, only three of whom came to the United States. Philip came in 1854, and lives in Ottawa, Illinois. August came in 1856 and John in 1870, and the latter now lives at No. 2220 State Street, with his son, Peter Wendel.

August Wendel was educated in the parish school of his native place, which he left at the age of seventeen years to learn the trade of blacksmith and wagon-maker. He served an apprenticeship of three years and became very competent in this line. March 3, 1856, he sailed from Havre, France, on the sailing-ship "Havre." The trip to New York occupied thirty-three days, and he traveled directly to Chicago after reaching America.

He was employed on Milwaukee Avenue by August Steinhaus one year, and by Reis Brothers

the same length of time. He established a business for his own interests at No. 1495 Milwaukee Avenue, and carried on the manufacture of wagons and carriages for a term of twenty-eight years, in which business his sons have succeeded him. He was a very energetic and ambitious business man, and was successful as a consequence of this fact. In 1880 he was elected to the Thirty-third General Assembly of Illinois, serving two years.

In 1886 Mr. Wendel erected Wendel Hall and Opera House, and has since conducted a first-class catering establishment and entertainment hall. He has always taken an active interest in politics and was formerly a Republican and was elected to the legislature as such, but changed to a Democrat on the expiration of his term. He is a staunch worker for his party, and is always to be found at the front in arguments on political questions.

Mr. Wendel is a member of the Harugari Society, and Independent Order of Mutual Aid of Illinois. He is also connected with the Knights

and Ladies of Honor. March 3, 1859, he was married to Elizabeth Rausch, a native of Germany, and a pleasant and helpful life companion. Ten children were born to this couple, of whom six are still living, namely: Louise; Lena, wife of

Charles Quinten, of Chicago; August, George, Edward and Emma. The family is one of peace and harmony, one of the most highly respected in the community, and each of the children is a credit to the name they bear.

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## ELIAS A. HOLMES.

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**E**LIAS AVERY HOLMES, who is one of the rising citizens of Chicago, was born December 17, 1842, a son of Dennison and Elizabeth (Reinhardt) Holmes. With his parents and six other children he came to Rock County, Wisconsin, in 1854.

Elias Avery Holmes remained with his parents and assisted in the labors of the farm until 1860, when he came to Chicago. He spent four winters in college at Beloit, and received a fair education, which stood him in good stead in after years. On his arrival in Chicago he entered the employ of the Rock River Paper Company, and after two years returned to the home of his parents.

Subsequent to a short visit at home he returned to the western metropolis, and was in the service of the Rock River Paper Company one year longer. In 1873 Mr. Holmes established a livery business at the corner of Thirty-fifth Street and Michigan Avenue. He is at this location at the present time, and deals in horses, buying and selling at a profit.

In 1868 Mr. Holmes was married to Miss Annie E. Trusdell, a native of Montgomery County, New York. This union has been blessed with one child, named Sane. Mr. Holmes is a loyal citizen and is influential at all times for the good of those surrounding him. He is a man of strong character and possessed of many friends.

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## AMBROSE SAUER.

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**A**MBROSE SAUER, who has a finely fitted establishment and a thriving business on the South Side, is a German-American of the typical sturdy kind, energetic and persevering. He was born August 16, 1857, in Bavaria, a son

of Andrew and Eva (Weidinger) Sauer. His parents were ambitious to partake of the advantages offered in America, and with their three children emigrated from their native land and arrived in Chicago in 1866.



Ambrose Sauer was educated in a German Catholic school, where he continued until he was thirteen years of age, when he started to learn the cigar-maker's trade, in the employ of Fred Kukle, located at No. 440 North Clark Street. After one year he changed to the service of Joseph Schabel, located at No. 156 North Clark Street, with whom he remained five years. The establishment was burned out at the end of that time and removed to the corner of Cottage Grove Avenue and Twenty-fifth Street.

Mr. Sauer was located at different places until 1883, when he became bar-keeper for Frederick Klein, in his place at the corner of State and Twenty-third Streets. He remained with this concern seventeen years, and then opened a business of his own at No. 5516 State Street, in De-

cember, 1891. He has been established at this location since, with a catering business of a first-class kind.

June 4, 1894, Mr. Sauer was married to Miss Bertha, daughter of Frederick W. Klein, and took up his residence at No. 5044 Cottage Grove Avenue. One child, Minnie, was born June 2, 1895. Mrs. Sauer died June 2, 1895, mourned by her husband and many friends and relatives, at the age of twenty-three years. Ambrose Sauer was married January 20, 1898, to Miss Annie Wiehler, who was born August 16, 1875.

Mr. Sauer has a splendid business and a fine reputation. He is independent in political views, preferring to vote for the man rather than for party. He was reared a Roman Catholic and is true to the teachings of his people.

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## HENRY NÜRNBERGER.

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**H**ENRY NÜRNBERGER, a true citizen of Chicago and one of the highly respected and honored members of the community where he resides, was born October 19, 1859, on Pacific Avenue, near Polk Street, Chicago, and is a son of Henry John and Emily (Hausler) Nürnberger. For further mention of ancestry, refer to article on the life of Henry John Nürnberger, on another page of this work.

Henry Nürnberger attended the Jones and Haven Schools and also spent some time in the Douglas School, until he was thirteen years of age, when he entered the vast school of experience. He entered the employ of Field, Leiter & Company, as cash and bundle boy, where he remained one year. Mr. Nürnberger subsequently learned the trade of barber, with his father, and was for some time at the head of his father's business, located at No. 2968 State Street.

October 1, 1880, Mr. Nürnberger entered the

Government postoffice service and has served regularly up to the present time. He was married May 13, 1886, to Miss Mamie I., daughter of Frederick J. and Carrie (Steele) Cune, who has proven a helpmate in time of trouble and joy, and is conducive, by her congenial nature, to the general welfare of her husband.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Nürnberger are two interesting daughters, named as follows: Hazel Emily, who was born February 21, 1887, and Marie Jeanette, born November 9, 1892. Mr. Nürnberger was made a Mason in 1893, in Garden City Lodge No. 139, and has taken all degrees to the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Nürnberger is a Republican and a Protestant. He is a man of true principles and is stanch and loyal to any cause to which he lends his influence. He is recognized as a valued citizen, and is ready at all times to do what lies in his power for the promotion of the good of humanity. Being of a very thrifty

nature, Mr. Nürnberger was enabled, in 1894, to erect a three-story building containing three flats, located at No. 5830 Indiana Avenue.

Frederick J. Cune was born January 10, 1843, on Lake Street, near Fifth Avenue. At that time the city was a comparative village, and Mr. Cune witnessed its growth until March 12, 1888, when he died, and his remains were interred in Oakwoods Cemetery. He was a jeweler, and was

located on State Street, near Van Buren Street, until the fire, when he was burned out and lived retired until the time of his death. He erected a home on Dearborn Street, near Thirty-fifth Street.

Mr. Cune was married June 13, 1863, to Miss Carrie Steele, who was born February 1, 1849, in Buffalo, New York. She died October 13, 1880. Her children were two in number, namely: Mrs. Nürnberger and Frederick.

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## FREDERICK G. LONG.

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**F**REDERICK GEORGE LONG, who is one of the most respected and honored citizens in the vicinity where he resides, was born August 22, 1857, in Devonshire, England. His parents, Henry and Rebecca (Spiller) Long, came of very old families. They came to America with their four children in 1868, and located in Chicago.

Frederick G. Long attended the Hayes School three years, and then became cash boy for Marshall Field & Company. After one year he entered the employ of the Hovey Company, and in October, 1871, was employed by Goss & Phillips, in a planing mill, where he remained one year. He then went to Martin's meat market on Fourteenth Street, between State Street and Wabash

Avenue, where he remained six years. He drove a wagon for H. M. Kinsley eighteen months, and was six years in the draught room at Chapin & Gore's. He was employed at the stock yards by Armour & Company two years, and one year he was with F. A. Crandall. After one year in the Pabst meat market, he entered the store of Burk & Burns, who deal in meats also.

Mr. Long was married in 1881 to Bridget Meaney, a native of Ireland. Their two children were named Lora and Blanche. Mr. Long has a very pleasant home at No. 6339 Cottage Grove Avenue, and his domestic life is one of harmony and peace. He is well known and honored by all who come in contact with his gentlemanly, genial nature.

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## WILLIAM M. BLACKBURN.

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**W**ILLIAM M. BLACKBURN, who comes of the well-known and respected family by his surname, was born February 26, 1856, in Burnley, England. For ancestry refer to article on the life of Adam Blackburn, on another page

of this work. He attended the Skinner and Kinzie public schools, and left at the age of fourteen years. He continued in the employ of the Thompson & Taylor Spice Company, and was occupied at packing spices. In January, 1872,



he entered the office and was there until May 5, 1875, when he became city salesman for the concern. He has been thus employed since, having been identified with this company since July, 1867.

Mr. Blackburn is identified with the Free Masons, being a member of Lincoln Park Chapter No. 611, and of Haven Council No. 43, of the Royal League. He was not reared an Epis-

copalian, but belongs to that denomination and wields an influence for good. He votes in favor of the candidates of the Republican party and is always found on their side, in argument. He erected a residence at No. 81 Seminary Avenue in 1874, and has one of the most pleasant homes in that vicinity. He is a respected citizen, honored by all his friends and acquaintances.

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## WILLIAM S. BIELFELDT.

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**W**ILLIAM SIMON BIELFELDT, who is one of the most enterprising young citizens of the city of Chicago at the present time, is a progressive, business-like man, and holds a responsible and honorable position as cashier in the county treasurer's office. He was born November 17, 1860, at Thornton, Illinois, and is a son of John Simon and Criscentia (Ladoux) Bielfeldt, of whom further mention is found in this volume.

Mr. Bielfeldt received an education by going through the public school of Thornton and attending business college. After taking a business course at the latter school he entered the county treasurer's office under W. T. Johnston, as cash boy. He was promoted to the position of collector, which he occupied two years before being made cashier, which position he occupies at the present time, having held it seven years.

June 30, 1886, Mr. Bielfeldt was married to Miss Catherine, daughter of Claus and Catherine (Schmidt) Jurgensen. They became the parents of John, Robert, Walter Claus, and an infant son, of which the two first named are dead. Mr. Bielfeldt is a Royal Arch Mason, having taken the degrees in May, 1898, in Normal Park Lodge No. 797, and Normal Park Chapter No. 210. He has never sought publicity in political matters, but votes in favor of the Republican candidates at all times.

Mr. Bielfeldt is one of the rising young men and his ability, steadfastness of purpose and good qualities are demonstrated by the fact of his long continued service in the county treasurer's office. He is a cultured, refined gentleman, and comes of very good families. His home is one of peace and harmony, and he is very domestic in his tastes, which is to the credit of any man.

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## CHRISTIAN C. SOIBERG.

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**C**HRISTIAN CHRISTIENSEN SOIBERG. It should be a source of great encouragement to note how many of the business men who have gained financial independence in Chicago

have risen by their own efforts from poverty. And it should be a source of satisfaction to note that the key to their success, industry and frugality, is within the reach of all. Such is the

lesson to be learned from the life of the man whose name heads this article, who, coming to America from a foreign land with no capital but his own hands has won for himself a name among the respected and substantial citizens of this city.

He was born in Denmark May 4, 1850, and spent his boyhood and early manhood in that country; receiving such educational training as his circumstances would permit, and then working for his daily bread. In 1873 he left his native land and, crossing the Atlantic, stopped a short time in Albany, New York, where he found employment as a laborer. The next year he continued his journey westward to Chicago, and for awhile worked in various capacities until he had saved enough money to embark in business. He then opened a small coal office at No. 450 West Chicago Avenue, where he continued nine years,

with his usual energy and economy. He was then able, in 1890, to purchase two lots at Nos. 664 and 666 West Chicago Avenue, where he erected a three-story building and still conducts a prosperous business, dealing in coal, wood, flour and feed. He also conducts a sale stable for horses. The second story of his building is his residence, and the third is rented as a flat.

In 1879 Mr. Soiberg was married to Miss Engeborg Rowne, who was born in Denmark. They are the parents of three children, Thomas, Arthur and Alice, all of whom were born in Chicago. The subject of this notice is a member of Norden Lodge No. 699, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held various offices. He is also a member of the Danish Mutual Aid Society. The family is identified with the Danish Lutheran Church.

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## AUGUST LARSEN.

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**A**UGUST LARSEN, the subject of this sketch, was born in Sjellund, Denmark, August 13, 1856, and is the youngest of the six children of Lars Hansen and Christine Jensen, both natives of the same place.

He passed his boyhood in his native town, attending the local schools until the age of fourteen years and afterwards working with his father two years. He then traveled with a circus four years, visiting many cities in the Old World and having many interesting experiences.

On his return to Sjellund at the end of that time he enlisted as a private in the Light Artillery, and served in that capacity eighteen months. He was then promoted to the position of wagoner, and while in Copenhagen he handled a span of horses valued at three thousand dollars.

Leaving his native town in 1881 Mr. Larsen came direct to Chicago, but did not locate per-

manently here at that time, going on to Manistee, Michigan, where he engaged in teaming for a period of four years. He then returned to Chicago and followed the same business until 1892, when he received an appointment to the police force of this city, under Mayor Washburne. He was a member of that body until October 26, 1897, when he engaged in a partnership with Peter G. Petersen, at No. 249 West Chicago Avenue, where they are located at present.

Mr. Larsen married Miss Justine Johnson, October 10, 1884. Mrs. Larsen is a native of Sweden. Their family consists of two children; they are John P. and Robert R., both of whom are native Chicagoans.

Mr. Larsen is a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Union Park Lodge No. 610. He is also identified with the Independent Order of



Foresters and the Danish Benevolent Association, and is an active worker in all these organizations.

He is a firm believer in Republican principles,

but is sufficiently liberal to vote for the candidate he considers best suited for official responsibilities. He is essentially a self-made man, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

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## CHARLES A. HENTSCH.

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CHARLES AUGUST HENTSCH, one of the valued and highly respected employes of the vast manufacturing concern of Gray & Tuthill, was born September 17, 1861, on a farm at Tinley Park, Cook County, Illinois, son of Frederick and Fredricka (Henneberg) Hentsch. Being a native of the State, Charles August Hentsch takes proper pride in the prosperity of the people in the vicinity and is ready at all times to exercise any influence he may have for the benefit of the same.

He was educated in the public schools until he was eighteen years of age, and resided on his father's farm until 1883. He subsequently came to Chicago and was in the service of Fred Gates, situated at No. 221 Twenty-fourth Place. Mr. Gates dealt in stone and Mr. Hentsch was with him until five years later, when he entered the employ of Purington & Kimbell, Builders' Ex-

change, for one year. He was one year with Harry Kenkel, and until 1893 with May, Purington & Bonner. Since that time he has been shipping clerk for Gray & Tuthill, manufacturers of brick, located at the corner of Sixty-third and La Salle Streets.

Mr. Hentsch has resided at No. 5930 La Salle Street since 1898. He was married April 2, 1891, to Miss Mary, daughter of Peter Folschweiler. Mrs. Hentsch was born December 10, 1860, and died April 13, 1895, and her remains were interred in Oakwoods Cemetery. Mr. Hentsch greatly mourned the loss of his wife, who was a congenial, pleasant companion, and a true partner of his joys and sorrows. He is an influential member of the German Lutheran Church, and is independent in his political views. He is a man of many friends, and of upright character, honored by all who make his acquaintance.

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## JOHN E. BLACKBURN.

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JOHN EDWIN BLACKBURN. Many of the citizens of Chicago who hold positions of great trust and responsibility have risen from the humblest employment and are, therefore, much to be admired for their perseverance. One of the trusted and valued employes of the

Thompson & Taylor Spice Company is John Edwin Blackburn. He was born March 17, 1858, in Burnley, Lancastershire, England, a son of Adam and Elizabeth Blackburn. For further mention of his ancestry refer to article on the life of Adam Blackburn, on another page of this work.

After attending the Ogden and Kinzie Schools until he reached the age of fourteen years, he became office boy in the office of the Lakeside Magazine, which position he held two years. He then entered the mill of Thompson & Taylor, spice dealers, located at No. 29 South Canal Street, and has been identified with this concern since 1872. He was in the mill ten years before he was given a position in the office, as clerk. He then went among the city jobbing trade, as salesman, and was thus occupied twelve years. For the past two years Mr. Blackburn has been a department manager in the store, and gives perfect satisfaction in his trying and responsible position.

Mr. Blackburn was married August 14, 1883, to Minnie Blanche, daughter of Samuel Thomas and Elvira (Scott) Smith. Mrs. Blackburn was born in Macomb, Illinois. The first child of Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn was Alice, who died at the age of four years. The others were named: George Thomas, Frank Keys, John Willard and Foster. Mr. Blackburn is a Republican in political principle. He has been a resident of Englewood more than fourteen years, and is honored and respected by his neighbors. He is valuable to his employers, being conscientious and painstaking, and has risen from a low position to one of the highest. He is thoroughly educated in all matters pertaining to the spice business.

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## EDWARD T. KINGSBURY.

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**E**DWARD THOMAS KINGSBURY, one of the enterprising and successful citizens of Chicago, was born February 28, 1842. His parents, Edward and Elizabeth (Hyde) Kingsbury, resided in St. Andrews, Ontario, Canada, at the time of his birth. He received a common-school education, leaving school at the age of fourteen years.

He immediately began to learn the carpenter's trade, and at the age of nineteen years was drawing journeyman's wages. He learned his trade in Hocksburg, Canada, but removed to Chicago April 13, 1865. He entered the service of Warwick & Casty, and worked on the old Board of Trade Building. After two years with this concern, he entered the employ of William Stephens in his sash and door factory, and had charge of the frame department seven years. When he left there he became identified with the Chicago City Railway Company, building cars, and had charge of outside work the last two years he was with that concern. Since April, 1884, he has

been employed in the interest of C. C. Chandler, located at No. 3227 State Street, and is at the present writing a valued employe. Mr. Kingsbury has done some contracting in the city, and is very efficient at whatever he undertakes.

March 14, 1867, Mr. Kingsbury became united in marriage with Miss Marion, daughter of John Farrel, a native of Dublin, Ireland. She reached Chicago in 1864. Her children are seven in number: Minnie, the eldest, died at the age of two years. Charles married Estelle Stevenson, and their children are named Hazel and Kenneth; he joined the Red Cross Society and is now at Huntsville, Alabama. The others are: Edward, Oscar, Lester, Mabel and Olive.

Mr. Kingsbury has never sought public favor in the form of office, but votes for the candidates of the Republican party invariably. His people are Protestants and he is true to the teachings of his fathers. Withal, a high-minded gentleman, he is honored and respected by his friends and acquaintances alike.



## EDWARD J. VAILE.

**E**DWARD JOSEPH VAILE, who is a valued and respected employe of the Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing Company, was born December 29, 1868, in Harvard, Illinois, a son of Thomas and Helen Vaile. Mr. Vaile is a true and loyal citizen of Chicago and is ready to aid in the promotion of all that is for the well-being of the city. He learned the trade of machinist in the shops of C. H. McCormick, where he was occupied four years. He is now with the agricultural implement manufacturing company mentioned above, in its shops at West Pullman. For a time he was in the feed business on Fifty-ninth Street, and later in the real estate business. The house at No. 5936 State Street, where Mr. Vaile resides, was built by Mrs. Vaile's grandfather and is a part of her inheritance.

Mr. Vaile was married May 9, 1892, to Miss Louisa, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Reich) Michels. Mrs. Vaile was born July 4, 1875, at the corner of Fifty-ninth and Dickey Streets. Mr. and Mrs. Vaile became the parents of two children, Thomas Edward, born March 3, 1896, and Joseph Earl, born March 4, 1898. Mr. Vaile is a member of the Royal League and is connected with Vernon Council No. 34.

Joseph Michels was born November 9, 1850, on a farm in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, a son of George and Annie Marie (Thielan) Michels. He was occupied at farm work and gen-

eral labor until 1866, and lived in the village of Jefferson, Wisconsin, three years. His parents resided there nine years. He was subsequently for four years with Moran & Doyle, painters, with whom he learned the trade. In 1875 he went on a farm in the town of Bloom, owned by his father-in-law, Michael Reich, and tilled it nine years.

Mr. Michels returned to Chicago and engaged in teaming two years. Since that time he has given his entire attention to contracting for painting. He built a three story brick building, containing his business location and residence, on Wentworth Avenue, in 1894. Mr. Michels was married August 13, 1871, to Miss Mary, daughter of Michael Reich. Six children blessed their union, namely: Michael, Louisa, Christopher, Caroline, Emma and Joseph.

Michael Reich was born December 13, 1813, in Lorraine, France. He was a laborer, and came to Chicago in 1841, after a short time spent on a farm near Albany, New York. He went from there to Muskegon, Michigan, where he was employed in a saw mill two years. He returned to Chicago, where he lived until 1857, when he made a trip to Europe, and remained there until December, 1859. On reaching Chicago, after this sojourn, he began gardening at the corner of Center and Larrabee Streets, where he had two acres of ground. He went

back to Europe for two and one-half years, and on his return to America located in Englewood, where he remained until the time of his death, which occurred January 1, 1892. His wife was born September 10, 1810, in Lorraine, France, and died October 27, 1888. She was married in the land of her birth and followed her husband to the United States in 1843.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Reich became the parents of six children. Michael was born May 2, 1835, and married Miss Annia Reese. He was among the unfortunates drowned from the "Lady Elgin" September 3, 1860. Peter, born April 3, 1839, now resides in Hammond, Indiana. Christopher, born March 13, 1844, lives in Ravenswood, Chicago. Caroline was born September 29, 1846. May, born May 12, 1840, died June 15, 1888; she married Joseph Michels, as above shown. Jacob, born December 13, 1851, died January 8, 1853. Michael Reich, who was a progressive and wide-awake citizen, was one of the oldest and most prominent settlers of Englewood. He owned a large number of lots and built many houses.

Michael, the oldest son of Joseph Michels, died May 11, 1891, at the age of twenty years. Louisa, wife of E. J. Vaile, was the next in order of birth. Christoph died at the age of nine days. Caro-

line married John N. Brucks. Emeline, born May 12, 1879, is at home. Joseph was born September 15, 1881, and is the youngest of this family.

Joseph Michels married for his second wife Margareta, daughter of Peter and Mary (Holz) Cook, July 22, 1890. Mrs. Michels was born May 9, 1858, in St. John's, Indiana. Her parents came from Germany about the year 1857, and she came to Chicago in 1872. The children of Mr. Michels by his second marriage are as follows: Peter George, born September 20, 1891, died November 24, 1893. George Peter, born July 25, 1893, and John Nicholas, May 3, 1896.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Vaile was born in Lorraine, France, and came to America and located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1839. He was in turn, laborer, farmer and hotel-keeper, and died in 1865, at the age of sixty-two years. His wife died in 1885, at the age of seventy-five years. This couple were united in their native land. Their children were: Elizabeth, who married Henry Jonen, resides in Waterville, Wisconsin, and has twelve children; Anni married Jacob Holzen, a farmer, and has nine children; and Eva, who married Christoph Langer, a dentist, and has twelve children, resides in Milwaukee. Joseph, mentioned above, is the youngest.

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## HENRY J. NÜRNBERGER.

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**H**ENRY JOHN NÜRNBERGER, who was a skilled and well-known musician, was born November 1, 1834, in Germany, the home of music and the birthplace of the finest musicians the world ever produced. He died December 8, 1892, and his remains were interred in Oakwoods Cemetery.

Mr. Nürnbergger followed the profession of a musician practically his entire life, retiring ten

years before his death. He purchased property at No. 1366 State Street (as the street was then numbered) and, in 1868, six years after, erected his residence, which was the third house in the block, and which he occupied during the remainder of his life. At No. 2974 Frederick Snyder resided, and the corner house was owned by a Mr. Symon.

January 15, 1859, Mr. Nürnbergger was mar-



ried to Emily Amalie, daughter of Gotfrey and Fredericka (Schuster) Hunsler. Mrs. Nürnberger was born January 13, 1838, in Germany. She and her father came to America together in April, 1850. They were thirty-five days in a sailing-vessel on the voyage, and landed in Baltimore, Maryland, and six weeks later arrived in Chicago. The father was born February 24, 1804, and died March 11, 1890. Mrs. Nürnberger's mother died April 15, 1872, at the age of seventy-five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Nürnberger became the parents of six children, each of whom is here briefly mentioned: Henry John, born November 19, 1859, resides at No. 5830 Indiana Avenue. He is an employe in the postoffice department. George, born November 19, 1861, died at the age of three years. Emily Minnie, born November 7, 1864, married Henry Diesel. He is a bookkeeper for

the Nelson House, and resides at No. 5824 Wash Avenue. Mary Fredericka, born February 8, 1867, married George W. Boos, and resides at No. 5806 State Street. Mr. Boos has charge of a department in Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company's store. Augusta, born August 21, 1869, died at the age of six weeks. Amanda Augusta, born August 27, 1872, married Benjamin Lundberg. Mr. Lundberg resides with his family at Roseland and is an undertaker and has a furniture store. Two other children died in infancy.

Mr. Nürnberger was a member of Hutton Lodge No. 398, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was one of the organizers of the lodge. He was also connected with the South Side Turners' Society. He was a man of genial nature, highly esteemed by all who knew him and beloved by family and friends. Many mourned his loss.

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## ALBERT F. SCHWARZ.

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**A**LBERT FREDERICK SCHWARZ, one of the highly respected business men and citizens of the vicinity where he is located, comes of German parentage and possesses all the perseverance and ambition of his nation. He is energetic and bound to succeed in whatever he becomes interested in. Born in Prussia, Germany, August 25, 1867, Albert Frederick Schwarz is a son of August John and Augusta (Mueller) Schwarz.

He came to America with his parents when he was two years of age, and attended the German Lutheran school until he had reached the age of twelve years. He was sent to the country to reside with his uncle, Martin Schramm, on a farm, where he remained until about the time he reached his majority. For a short time he was employed by Gust Rueckheim, at the cigar trade,

located at the corner of Thirty-ninth Street and Armour Avenue. He was subsequently occupied in the interest of Rueckheim Brothers, in their candy store at the corner of Van Buren Street and Fourth Avenue, remaining thus employed three years.

For a period of thirteen years he was in the service of Bunte Brothers & Spoehr, located on Market Street, near Washington. He was foreman for this concern nine years, after which time Mr. Schwarz opened a coal office at No. 5912 Wentworth Avenue, and has since continued as general dealer in wood and coal. With Mr. Huguelet, he opened business August 10, 1896, the firm name becoming Huguelet & Schwarz. For three years Mr. Schwarz and his family have been comfortably located at No. 5926 Dearborn Street.

Mr. Schwarz was very fortunate in securing a helpful and most worthy woman for his life companion, a lady of refinement and education. Nothing is more conducive to the financial success of a man than such a wife as Mrs. Schwarz has proved. They were married January 4, 1887. Mrs. Schwarz was born on Wentworth Avenue, near Eighteenth Street, January 6, 1867, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Kummly) Ebert, christened Josephine.

John Ebert was born November 2, 1838, in Bavaria, Germany, and emigrated to America before his marriage and located in Chicago. He was a cooper by trade, and conducted a shop at the corner of Twenty-eighth and Canal Streets for five years. He died January 18, 1885, and his remains were interred in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Mrs. Ebert was born October 28, 1839, and died January 2, 1896. She was the mother of four children, of whom brief mention is made: Albert died when one year old. Josephine is the wife of the man whose name heads this article. Theresa was born March 6, 1868. July 20, 1891, she was married to F. S. Huguelet, and

they have the following children: Louis Emil, born May 8, 1893; John Edward, February 4, 1895; and Angeline Barbara, March 24, 1897. Elizabeth was born September 12, 1870, and is mentioned in the article on the life of Emil Huguelet.

Albert John Ebert, grandfather of Mrs. Schwarz, came to America, bringing his entire family. His children were named: John, Julia, Theresa, Elizabeth, Lena and Connie. All are in the land of the living, excepting the first and last, and reside on the North Side.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Schwarz are three in number: August John, born October 3, 1887; Mamie Augusta, November 13, 1892; and Theresa Josephine, November 14, 1894. They make up a family of well-bred and interesting children, a credit to the name they bear. Mr. Schwarz is a member of Noble Lodge No. 1350, Knights and Ladies of Honor. He is a staunch and loyal Republican, and an influential and prominent member of the German Lutheran Church, while his wife was reared a Catholic, and is true to the teachings of her fathers.

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## EDWARD MIKKELSEN.

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**E**DWARD MIKKELSEN, the subject of this sketch, is noticeable as one of the most intelligent and progressive men who have come from the Old World to make their homes in America.

He was born in North Schleswig, Denmark, and is the fourth child of Niels Mikkelsen and his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Hansen. He received his education in the local schools of his native town, and in the same place he learned the trade which he has since made his life work, that of cabinet making. After serving an apprenticeship of four years, as is the custom

abroad, and thus having thoroughly mastered the technicalities of his trade, he further perfected himself in the same by traveling and working in various cities of the Old Country before coming to America.

In 1879 he came to the city of Chicago, and after two years spent in familiarizing himself with the language and the business of cabinet-making in this country, he located at No. 60 Canal Street, and started in business for himself. In 1891 he removed to his present location, Nos. 25 and 27 North Jefferson Street. Here he has an extensive plant, where he makes a specialty of



the manufacture of store and office furniture. He furnishes employment to twenty-five men, thus, not only proving his ability to run a large business successfully, but is a benefactor to his fellows as well by making it possible for them to make an honest livelihood.

Mr. Mikkelsen married Miss Johanna Jensen

in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Mikkelsen have four children, all of whom are living, namely: Elizabeth, Robert, Stella and Berenice, all born in Chicago.

Mr. Mikkelsen is an active member of the Danish Benevolent Society and the National Union.

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## EMIL HUGUELET.

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**E**MIL HUGUELET, who occupies a responsible position with the vast wholesale concern of Marshall Field & Company, was born in Chicago and has spent his whole life here. His birth occurred on the 29th of June, 1870. For his ancestry refer to the biography of L. E. Huguelet on another page of this volume.

Emil Huguelet attended the ward school until nine years of age and the parochial school five years subsequently. At the age of fourteen years he entered the service of James P. Dalton, remaining thus employed one year. After a short time with the firm of Burley & Tyrrell, who dealt at wholesale in crockery, he was a short time messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company. In December, 1885, he entered the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Company, as gate boy in the packing room. He was promoted to blank boy, from which he has advanced

steadily, and for the past eight years has held the position of caller.

Mr. Huguelet was very fortunate in selecting and securing a refined, intelligent lady as a life companion. He was married April 22, 1897, to Miss Elizabeth Ebert, daughter of John and Mary (Koumly) Ebert. Mrs. Huguelet's sister, Josephine, married Frederick Schwarz, and resides at No. 5926 Dearborn Street. Mr. and Mrs. Huguelet have resided at No. 5801 La Salle Street two years. Mrs. Huguelet was born September 12, 1870, in Chicago, at the corner of Eighteenth Street and Wentworth Avenue.

Mr. Huguelet is a member of Englewood Council No. 324, Knights of Columbus. He and his family are connected with St. Martin's Parish of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Huguelet is very influential and aids in the church work and is highly honored by all his brethren. He is a staunch and loyal Republican.





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